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Question 1 - What are the key issues facing the NSW waste system?

China sword policy costs associated with all facets of the waste cycle

Question 2 - What are the main barriers to improving the NSW waste system?

Lack of collaboration waste contracts lack of education

Question 3 - How can we best reduce waste?

Educating consumers during the purchasing process legislating the amount of packets on products improving recycling processes legislating recycling processes (look at VIC legislation) - households should be separating waste at a household level.

Question 4 - How can we recycle better?

Be replicating Council's that are recycling extremely well. Armidale Regional Council recycles nearly everything and has minimal left for landfill. These approach should be replicated throughout the state. Armidale have a fantastic recycling centre with various plastics that are packaged and on sold. They also separate all their waste into different categories including sharps, tyres, electronic waste, car batteries, ink cartridges, mobile phones, water based paint, oil based paint, other oils, smoke detectors, household batteries, light globes, fire extinguishers, gas bottles. Armidale turn food and green waste into high organic materials to be used on the garden - this is purchased at \$18 per square metre,

Question 5 - What are the main opportunities for improving the NSW waste system?

Collaborating on waste projects through economies of scale which can be achieved through Joint Organisations. Replicating Council's waste processes throughout the state. More education to consumers more recycling more incentives for recycling look at other states and what is working well - e.g. Victoria. More needs to happen at a consumer level - during the purchasing / decision making process. Develop a major marketing and communications plan, which encourages consumers to buy less convenience / one off packaged foods / fun size foods. Encourage use of home tupperware educate youth in schools through the "war on waste" shows encourage youth to be more environmentally conscious encourage healthy eating (which has less packages foods) legislate councils to pick up green waste weekly (including food waste) and other bins fortnightly, provide free bio degradable bags by delivering directly to each household.

Question 6 - Any other information that you would like to contribute to the waste strategy initiative?

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