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

Not enough facilities processing food waste (including current processing ban) High contamination rates or various waste streams High cost of alternative waste treatment. Too much unnecessary plastic waste being generated

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

High cost of alternative waste treatment Virgin materials are cheaper than recycled materials Restricted space for bins in MUDs and in kitchens Cheap imported products - built to break, cheaper to replace than fix Consumer behaviour

Question 3 - How can we best reduce waste?

NSW ban on plastics bags Create a market for recycled content, by supporting industry to use recycled materials (e.g. subsidies) Increase cost to landfill. Community education program to buy less stuff

Question 4 - How can we recycle better?

More drop collection points for problem wastes (e.g. polystyrene). Better recycling labelling on products More extended producer responsibility to reduce packaging and take back packaging and products

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

Create markets to value waste as a resource Invest in product development for recycled materials NSW ban on plastics bags Increase cost to landfill. Community education program to buy less stuff

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