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

Recycling industry - contamination and low grade plastics No mandatory product stewardship - need Federal Government to put this in place as voluntary does not work, Ban on products coming into the country which cannot be recycled or composted locally. Organics - the red tape makes it very difficult for councils and businesses to start working in this area. Need a national education program like the Recycle Right campaign.

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

No support for local businesses, cheaper to import or send overseas Too much red tape Contracts - are about moving waste rather than reducing waste. Need incentives to the waste industry to reduce waste rather than to keep it coming in. Private ownership of a waste infrastructure will always be about having more waste not about reducing waste as that is how they make money. More waste more money. So no incentive to reduce waste. More and more products entering the waste stream that should not be allowed as they have no options to recycle only landfill.

Question 3 - How can we best reduce waste?

Federal legislation on what products that can be imported. Stop the importation and production of low quality products. Products should be fixable Support local recycling and reuse businesses - recycling of glass back into glass products

Question 4 - How can we recycle better?

Mandatory information on products about where the end product should end up mandate on packaging so that it can be easily recycled or reused or composted. No mixed packaging which causes confusion CDS scheme could be improved by including other items such as all beverage containers. The community have embraced this system and this is an opportunity to have better separation and provide a cleaner product for recycling. go away from the commingled kerbside system and move to a more separated system in order to provide a cleaner product. National bans on single use products

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

Waste levy should all go back into waste initiatives and reducing waste. If all of the waste levy went back into waste then there would be no issues with paying for infrastructure to manage the waste streams.

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

Put all the levy money back into waste - most problems would be fixed with the amount of money the levy brings in.