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

Local markets for recycle reuse. Contamination in recycle. Circular economy is fundamentally not costed by treasury. Once the problem is understood then we can start fixing. Procurement complexities around use of recycled material (products fit for purpose, agreement to procure recycled content should be mandatory)

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

Public perception and behaviour, uncertainty of regulation and technology developments. Create National waste levies. Insufficient funds to deliver the alternative to landfilling. So it costs more to recycle so getting endorsement is challenging.

Question 3 - How can we best reduce waste?

Packaging laws requiring compostable or multi-use packaging, Ensure there are products in the market place that give the consumer choice. So same item without all of the packaging.

Question 4 - How can we recycle better?

local-government owned MRFs (grants for construction), more recycling services at supermarkets for valuable wastes like batteries and clothes More source separation. I.e. fourth bin for glass, or separate paper bin

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

Full reinvestment from waste levy to state grants for waste projects, CDS structure transparency and easier access to handling fees. National approach to solutions.

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