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

Domestic capacity to better sort, sell and remanufacture with recyclable streams from yellow bins.

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

We need more of the waste levy money back to fund the needed R&D, infrastructure and market development, especially in regional areas. We need State to demand government procurement to preference recycled content in paper, toilet paper, consumables, roads, pavement, pipe embedment and things known now to use these materials going to waste or being stockpiled.

Question 3 - How can we best reduce waste?

Domestic or state levy on single use plastics, unrecyclable plastics and items hard or impossible to recycle. More education from State Government on TV about the crisis and reminding public on ways to reduce landfill waste, foodwaste and buying items that do not last long. Fund War on Waste to rescreen and have another episode on ABC

Question 4 - How can we recycle better?

Pass NSW regulations allowing EPA and Local Government to charge a contamination fee on contaminated bins after multiple warnings that go to discourage it and fund better sorting.

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

Domestic or State procurement created solutions for mini MRF reprocessing equipment that Councils can get grants from waste levy to use with less than 50% co-funding required, so that local social enterprise organisations or council staff could afford to operate immediately to recover waste plastics, glass and metal and process into a quality and quantity they can resell or reuse more easily. Buying in bulk and specifying bulk equipment with WCRA and WMAA selected industry experts in will increase consistency and reduce price and risk of failure.

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

Domestic capacity to deal with this issue post China is not happening fast enough and we need to see leadership and new money on the table for solutions along with more cooperation and collaboration with our state neighbours and the new Federal Assistant Minister of Waste.