**Infrastructure Victoria submission**

I believe the state of Victoria is in a good position to start really thinking about how we can better manage all waste streams given that most of Victoria is now engaged in the world of waste and has become a topic everyone is talking about. Now is the time to invest in and re-educate Victorians and let them know we do care about the environment and want to stop sending our recycling overseas and food waste going to landfill.

Desperately want and need more investment in MRF’s and processing facilities in rural and regional areas as transport is a huge cost to rural councils to transport to Metro areas.

A statewide standardization of bin lid colours (red- landfill, yellow -recycle & green -organics)

Better statewide waste & recycling education programs- avoidance, reuse and recycle, so no matter where you are you know what to place in which bin.

State to invest into waste to energy projects/ plants to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and the reliance on landfills in the future.

Investment in processing facilities to reduce the amount of contamination during the separation of materials to improve the steams for a better end market acceptance

Introduce a Nation-wide ban on non- recycled packaging that we cannot recycle in the country

Better/ more incentives from the State Government for local governments and other businesses to invest and use recycled materials for roads and local infrastructure projects.

Roll out FOGO service to all Victorian Councils and ban food scraps to landfill