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Parliament of Victoria
Legislative Council, Environment and Planning Committee
Parliament House, Spring Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the hearing held 22 October 2019.

Find enclosed the response to the questions taken on notice as well as information that complements the information provided at the hearing.

Banyule's Waste Wise Rethink Waste Education Centre

Since commencement in 1999 the centre has informed and entertained 85,000 people (schools, adults, and packaging designers) in waste management issues. Attached to a MRF (materials recovery facility) attendees are afforded a unique opportunity to see what happens to their recyclables after collection.

Website Link: <https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Waste-environment/Waste-recycling/Rethink-Centre>

A short video showcasing the centre and theatrical waste program taught to primary school children can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhztxqHU958>

Banyule has capacity to double the number of schools that use the centre if provided with external funding to facilitate this.

Committee members are welcome to attend a session to see the program first hand.

Reusable Cloth Nappies:

A sample of a modern cloth nappy (bamboo fabric) is included for the committee to examine.

The sample provided has a retail price of \$34.95 GST inclusive and with proper care should outlast at least 3 consecutive children. A single child past early infant stage would require about 27 nappies to be 100% cloth.

Automated Waste Collection System (Vacuum)

Sunshine Coast Council is undertaking the installation of an automated waste collection system in the Maroochydore City CBD.

Website Link: <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Council/Planning-and-Projects/Infrastructure-Projects/Automated-Waste-Collection-System>

Video: <https://youtu.be/-xtXigij3o0>

Banyule Waste Services Cost Budget

2019/2020 Banyule Total Budget	152,643,019
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Kerbside Collection	Budget Provision	% of Total Budget
Waste Management	2,394,974	
Waste Management & Recycling	7,277,667	
Total Kerbside Collection	9,672,641	6.34%
Commercial collection		
Trade Waste	404,017	0.26%
Waste Recovery Centre (WRC)		
Waste Recovery Centre (transfer station)	6,248,404	4.09%
Booked waste collection		
Hard Waste Collection	632,506	0.41%
Waste Program - Education		
MRF and Education Centre	79,131	
Recycling Education & Promotion	393,749	
Total Waste Program	472,880	0.31%
Total Waste Management	17,430,448	11.42%
Total Waste Management excl. (WRC)	11,182,044	7.33%

As the Waste Recovery Centre commercially competes in the private sector waste markets and is not a pure ratepayer funded activity Banyule has provided two percentages for the total cost of waste services (WRC included and excluded).



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Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr Andrew Croft Waste Management Coordinator on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



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