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## Emergency Pollution & Recycling Response needed from Morrison Government

At the coming election all key parties must announce policies to solve the growing crisis in our recycling industry; stop landfilling or incinerating of the community's recycling efforts; and prevent the worsening of plastic pollution, 48 environment groups said today.

"Both Labor and the Greens have released waste and plastic reduction policies. The Coalition Government has nothing so far," said Jeff Angel, Director of the Boomerang Alliance of 48 national, state and local groups.

"With a worsening plastic pollution and recycling crisis, it's unacceptable for a political party seeking to be the next Commonwealth Government to have nothing to say. We await a substantial response."

The Boomerang Alliance and the Australian Council of Recyclers (ACOR) have released a joint statement seeking 5 Big Policies from the next Commonwealth Government:

- \$150 million investment in a **National Recycling Industry Development Fund** along with clean energy funds to build a domestic recycling industry and create 500 new jobs and attack climate change
- **Tax incentives for a business and industry 'Buy Recycled'** program to meet a 30% average recycled content of products by 2025
- **Strengthen the Product Stewardship Act** on imported packaging and to meet packaging targets of 70% composted or recycled by 2025
- Adopt a **Plastic Pollution Reduction Strategy** within 6 months of Government to address escalating plastic waste problems in industry, agriculture and community sectors and in the terrestrial and marine environment
- Develop new **national data metrics on waste and litter** to accurate record waste, litter and resource recovery statistics and recognise the broad social, environmental and economic benefits of resource recovery.

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