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## Brief submission

Public Hearing on long-term waste disposal practices  
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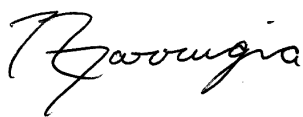
Currently, too much of our waste ends up in our landfills and our oceans, harming our precious ecosystems. We must work to not only divert waste, but also to reduce it at the source if we're to deal with this serious issue.

I propose a multi-pronged approach to this. I suspect these ideas will not be new to you, but I am stating them as a show of citizen support.

- Encourage, or preferably mandate through law, grocery stores to cut single-use plastics from their supply chain, especially when it comes to fresh produce packaged in styrofoam trays and plastic wrap.
- Implement closed-loop systems for often-used products. For example, refillable container initiatives like Loop (<https://loopstore.com>) have allowed customers to refill containers with recognizable brands.
- Expand the recycling program to include a wider range of recyclables and ensure that recyclables are not just put in landfill.
- Implement right-to-repair laws so that consumers are not encouraged to dispose of and replace repairable appliances and electronics. Perhaps a grant or tax credit program could help people to choose the option to have something repaired by making it more affordable.
- Expand the organic waste bin program to reach more Quebecers and make it easy for them to keep food waste out of landfill.
- Make it easier to dispose of textiles so that they're recycled, when possible.
- Roll out social media ads to educate people on how to dispose of their waste properly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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