Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your questions regarding re-cycling.

***As a prospective elected member, what strategies regarding recycling in public places would you like to see supported and implemented in the Alexandrina Council area during your first year in the role?***

Our public receptacles, while designed to be easy and economical to service, do very little to educate and encourage the public to dispose of their rubbish in a responsible way. Many of the bins supplied in public are used by visitors to our areas. These visitors may not be conversant with the standards within Alexandrina and therefore become confused as to which bin to use (providing that different bins are supplied).

What I would like to see supported would be more suitably marked bins, together with educational signs, placed in our well visited areas.

***What other recycling strategies would you like to see considered in Alexandrina in the future?***

We now have a state-of-the-art re-cycling facility here so let’s really get stuck into the education side. I am shocked at the number of people I meet that still do not understand or cannot be bothered with the re-cycling process. So, for me, the strategy would be education, education and more education.

I read an article recently that said the only solution to the problem of plastic pollution is to stop the use. I know that’s not going to happen - but we can discourage the overuse.

I would like to pay tribute to the volunteers that I see keeping our public places clean and tidy.

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