I have been involved in the recent surge of concern within our community regarding recycling in Public places. The recycle bins provided by FRWA however have been adhoc and a different colour from the personal recycling bins residents have at their homes It hasn’t helped that every Council in South Australia has different coloured bins. While the desire to recycle is evident neither the State Government nor Local Government have worked together to put in place coloured uniform bins for the public or provided sufficient education, this has been left to individual local Councils to manage. I believe this is an issue too important to be dealt with locally and would support Alexandrina Council lobbying for standardised coloured bins around the state and an education program to match.

Cittaslow has this year presented a proposal to Council and FRWA to provide new Recycling bins which Cittaslow is willing to fund for the Wharf precinct.

These bins would be monitored by volunteers particularly on occasions when the wharf precinct has events. Education will be a vital part of assisting everyone to become more engaged in the task of better recycling.

As an Elected member on Alexandrina Council I would work towards ensuring the proposal by Cittaslow is put in place as soon as possible and I would support the project by offering to assist monitoring the bins at the Wharf. This is a project that needs to be rolled out though out the whole Council area as soon as possible.

Alexandrina Council and FRWA already have a program to assist home owners to recycle better with officers checking bins prior to pickup. Notices are place on bins which encourage residents who are already recycling well and provide information for those who could do better. This program has occurred in Strathalbyn and is coming to Goolwa. It comes at a cost which impacts on Alexandrina Council’s budget. I certainly endorse any program which assists in the reduction of waste and better recycling.

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