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Dear Sir / Madam,

please find enclosed my contribution for above
Public Consultation.

Kind regards,

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Consultation: *National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy*

pre-draft consultation process May 2021

Refuse

Dear Policy Makers,

Reduce

In my vision, the circular economy concept is a vital component in the pursuit of an organic, nature-friendly lifestyle that follows the 8-R's to protect the environment and its diversity of biological life forms.

Reuse

1. Refuse

Refusing to take home packaging, especially made from plastic and metals, lessens the burden on landfill and recycling streams enormously.

Avoid single use packaging at all cost.

Avoid single use products and products made from plastic at all cost.

Repair

2. Reduce

Reduce fast-fashion impulses, throw-away mentality as well as over-consumption and excessive consumerism behaviour.

Reclaim

3. Reuse

Use glass containers, paper bags, cookie tins and cloth bags, etc, for grocery shopping.

Shop local and for organic, un-packaged products and bring your own re-usable packaging.

Use second hand shops to bring your unwanted items to, so that someone else can reuse those items.

Use old paint remnants to mix new colours to avoid usable paint being thrown away.

Recirculate

4. Repair

Repair clothes, shoes, furniture, toys, books, tools, gadgets etc, either yourself or bring them to someone in the community who may be able to set up a new repair business.

Recycle

5. Reclaim

Collect reusable items, e.g. building, home improvements, bicycles and toys, etc from an expanded 'Civic Amenity Site' allowing 'salvageing' and 'reusing' to prosper on the same 'bring centre' site.

Re-earth/
Rot

6. Recirculate

Keep glass jars and glass bottles in circulation through various systems.

One such system can be a 'deposit and return scheme'.

However, NOT a deposit return scheme for plastic bottles and cans as suggested on page 28: Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy, September 2020.

7. Recycle

As recycling is mainly carried out outside of Ireland, it should therefore be a least favoured option as it is uncertain where the waste will end up. Also, burdening different countries, their soil, water and air with our waste and its accompanying pollution seems unfair to say the least.

Ireland's waste should not be outsourced to a different part of the planet.

Ireland needs to learn to reuse or recycle its own waste.

8. Re-earth / Rot

Compost kitchen waste and garden waste, either at home, in the community or through the waste collector

Compost human and pet waste separately, either at home, in the community or through the waste collector

Compost farmyard waste separately, either on the farm, in the community or through the waste collector

The necessary legislation must be put in place for all three types of compostable waste.

'One Person's Waste Is Another Person's Treasure'

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