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Board of Directors  
Central Coast Regional District  
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Dear Board of Directors,

Firstly, I would like to applaud you for moving forward with your Solid Waste Management plan; however, I would like to point out some concerns I have.

The recycling industry is rapidly changing and more and more products are being recycled through the producers associations through taxes charged when new products are sold. The goal of 93% of waste reduction can be achieved.

I urge you to rethink some of your plans and take into account which products should not be handled through the Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre, as there is an alternative recycling process available.

Having the Bella Coola Recycling Depot handle these products can only streamline your facility, reduce recyclable waste ending in landfill and reduce your costs of operating the landfill.

I am somewhat frustrated to still see T.V.s in the metal pile; often, they have the screens broken within a day or two. This releases mercury and other heavy metals into our environment, and makes them unrecyclable.

I urge the CCRD to either change the by-law pertaining to solid waste management to disallow recyclable items from the facility, or charge a fee, so the contractor can be reimbursed for transporting the items to the Bella Coola Recycling Depot.

A sign could be erected stating which items are now recyclable, and where to take them, as an educational aid.

In the longer term, I would like the board to consider the possibility of granting occupancy to the Bella Coola Recycling Depot at the Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre, so all waste could be



separated on site, thus totally eliminating recyclables in the landfill. I am aware, some discussion with Ministry of the Environment may be required to change the occupancy license at Thorsen Creek.

For your education and consideration, I include a list of what products are recyclable at the Bella Coola Recycling Depot, and which products will be recyclable soon.

Products accepted at Bella Coola Recycling Depot:

All beverage containers	Car batteries	Automotive antifreeze
T.V's	Microwave ovens	Toasters
irons	Bathroom/kitchen scales	Electronic musical instruments
Video gaming systems	Computers & peripherals	Medical Monitoring & Treatment Devices
Telephones & answering	Paints & aerosol paints	Smoke & CO2 alarms
Power tools	Outdoor power equipment	Lighting fixture & lamps
Flashlights	Xmas light strings	Blenders
Food processors	Vacuum cleaners	Pressure washers

I am available to consult (as a volunteer) with CCRD staff to come up with a plan to realise a more efficient waste management system.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

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