

I believe what we have here in Tasmania is pretty #\$\$%@% good!

I grew up here, on the North-west coast. I have come and gone a bit from Tassie since then, travelling, working and studying in different places. Now I'm back by choice.

For me, the beaches, mountains, forests, wildlife, clean air and water are what I love about this place. We are incredibly lucky to be surrounded by such things.

And I am passionate about wanting others to appreciate and value these things too. That's why I work in the area I do – environmental education and interpretation.

But as well as protecting special places like national parks, I strongly believe that we must do more to take care of this planet. It's all of our every day decisions that are having a huge impact on our planet.

For me doing the 'small stuff' like recycling, reducing and reusing gives me hope – there is something I can actually DO to make a difference.

And eventually lots of small changes do add up to one big one!

Sometimes it involves a bit more effort, time or cost but for me that is OK - mostly! Don't get me wrong, I'm no environmental angel. There are times when I drive somewhere when I could walk or ride my bike or I take a ten minute shower when a three minute one would do.

Sometimes the choices are complex and there are no easy answers. Rather than being daunted though, I have started with the little stuff, like:

- Taking cloth/string bags to the shop.
- Starting a compost heap.
- Leaving the car at home and walking or riding my bike.
- Washing the car less often and washing it on the grass not on the street to keep the detergent out of the stormwater system and our creeks.
- Recycling and use remanufactured printer cartridges

Aha! I hear you say – there had to be a plug in there somewhere! Yes it is a plug, but to me, just like using a cloth bag at the shop, recycling and using remanufactured printer cartridges is simply good sense.

I don't care if you don't share my belief in ALC.

I DO care if you don't recycle your used cartridges or you don't buy remanufactured cartridges from a reputable supplier (be warned - not all suppliers are reputable).

The future of the planet really is in our hands.

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