

MEP **ACTION** on electrical waste

Catherine Bearder, Lib Dem MEP for the South East, is backing new plans to increase the recycling of electrical and electronic waste.



Only one-third of Europe's electronic waste is recycled at present, even though many items like mobile phones contain valuable metals that are in short supply.

"I hope that by cutting red-tape for companies and setting new recycling targets, we can encourage more people to reuse their electronic equipment and electrical waste," said Catherine.

Lib Dem Euro MPs are also pushing for tougher action to stop toxic waste being dumped in developing countries.

"Electronic waste is often set on fire in developing countries that don't have proper recycling systems", Catherine explained. "It's vital that this practice stops now, before deadly chemicals enter people's food and water supply in these areas."