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Hoarding items is not recycling

I REFER to the article "Recycling habit gone awry" that was published by *StarMetro* on Jan 26 and support the action taken by the authorities against hoarders.

This sort of pollution by residents must be checked and curtailed.

Please save the environment and not harm, hurt or destroy it.

We must make it our resolution this year to look into the well-being of Mother Earth. I propose that environmental education is given greater emphasis in schools.

There must be greater awareness among our young warriors to help save our planet.

We can do more to save the environment such as recycle, reduce and reuse materials.

Take public transport instead of driving to reduce pollution.

Turn off unnecessary lights and electrical appliances such as air conditioners and reduce water consumption.

Set a target to reduce power and water by 15% this year.

Today, we face the climate change and global warming phenomena.

We cannot deny that we have contributed to global warming in many ways.

Increasing deforestation with fewer tree-planting activities, aggressive

development with little care for landslides and polluted air entering the atmosphere have contributed to the situation.

We continue to exploit the environment and nature with hardly any thought for climate care and the well-being of future generations.

Mother Earth is our only home and it makes sense that we respect, care, nourish and cherish it. We must do more to keep our drains and waterways cleaner.

There are some environmentally-friendly activities that should be encouraged, such as reducing use of plastic bags, having rooftop gardens, growing herbs and vegetables and harvesting rainwater.

The Cabinet has approved the setting up of "green neighbourhoods" and "low-carbon cities".

These are commendable measures and demonstrate our commitment to reducing the national carbon intensity by 40%, by 2020.

Let us walk the talk and provide more cycling and walking paths, which are basic steps to achieving these targets.

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