

**INQUIRY INTO WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE  
RECOVERY AMENDMENT (PLASTICS REDUCTION)  
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Submission to Parliamentary Bill Committee  
Legislation to ban Single-Use Plastics - Plastic Takeaway Dome Drink Lids

Dear Sir/Madam,

I make this submission in support of other submissions in this matter. Evidence on the impact of plastic dome lids on our wildlife has been provided in other submissions.

Like most single-use plastic items, dome lids were created in an attempt to make our life more convenient and the product the lids "protect" look more attractive. That was the idea. Apart from the sustainability problem these plastic items have created, little consideration was given to how our throw-away mentality would impact our wildlife. This affects both land and marine animals. Attracted by the scent and/or colour, curious animals try to eat the plastic items, and in the case of dome lids and ring seals, they can become trapped and die from strangulation or starvation.

Dome lids on drinks, ice creams, etc. are not necessary. They provide no more value than a flat lid, which, ironically, is rarely necessary, either, but at least the flat lid can be torn by hand, the dome lid needs to be cut with scissors, something the average small wildlife who find themselves trapped in a lid has yet to learn. It appears that it is up to the lawmakers to resolve this issue as people who use these items and discard them without thinking cannot be trusted. Sad, but true.

More education needs to be provided still on how to handle single-use plastic items but for now, please ban dome lids alongside straws, stirrers, cutlery and plates.

Thank you for reading and considering my submission.

Yours hopefully,

Irene Carson