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**INQUIRY INTO WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE  
RECOVERY AMENDMENT (PLASTICS REDUCTION)  
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Dear Committee

I'm urging you to ban DOME SHAPED PLASTIC LIDS used in take away cold drinks, and PLASTIC RING SEALS on food containers, medications etc in NSW.

These items are typically made of quite sturdy plastic, and wildlife rescuers report that they are regularly killing or maiming our native wildlife. They get caught around the necks of birds and other animals who are looking for food in rubbish bins, on garbage dumps and amongst rubbish dumped in the environment. The creature is strangled or maimed by the sharp plastic, which it cannot remove without human assistance.

There is no reason why a takeaway cold drink can't have a flat lid with a hole for a (paper) straw. There are other solutions for plastic ring seals that don't harm wildlife.

So many of our native species are now under threat from human intervention in their environments. Banning these plastic items would be a simple, cost effective way of saving many lives.

Yours sincerely  
Elizabeth Weiss