

**INQUIRY INTO WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE  
RECOVERY AMENDMENT (PLASTICS REDUCTION)  
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## SUMMARY (Recommendations/Solutions in order of preference):

### Plastic Dome Drink Lids (All sizes)

1. Abolish this plastic product IMMEDIATELY (Dome lids kill wildlife).
2. Use a flat lid instead, made of recycled biodegradable cardboard, with NO straw hole at all. Surely people can remove a flat lid if a "re-usable" metal straw or spoon is required.
3. Use a flat lid instead, made of recycled biodegradable cardboard, with four perforations crisscrossing the centre hole so it separates easily under duress.
4. A deeper cup be used if room is needed for toppings or cream (e.g. iced coffee) and the flat lid removed for a "re-usable" metal straw or spoon.

### Plastic Ring Seals (All sizes from under Softdrink, Juice, Milk, Vitamin and Medicine caps etc)

1. Abolish this plastic product IMMEDIATELY (Plastic Ring Seals strangle wildlife).
2. Manufacture from recycled biodegradable cardboard, with four perforations crisscrossing the solid ring seal, so it snaps when twisted open.
3. Substitute rings with cardboard/foil inner seal type under the tamper-proof (child-proof) screw top caps.
4. Replace the need for plastic ring seals by using air-tight metal lids.
5. Replace rings with the tear-off plastic strip/band type cap (tears off in a single line) in lieu of the unbreakable ring seal.

### Flat Plastic Takeaway Drink Lids (All sizes)

1. Abolish this plastic product IMMEDIATELY (The holes in these lids can be torn to a larger diameter and trap wildlife).
2. Manufacture from recycled biodegradable cardboard with NO straw hole at all. Surely people can remove a flat lid if a "re-usable" metal straw or spoon is required.
3. Manufacture from recycled biodegradable cardboard, with four perforations crisscrossing the centre hole, so it separates easily under duress.

### ALL Plastic Dome/Flat Lids and Plastic Ring Seals (All sizes)

1. The current style of lethal plastic dome/flat lids and plastic ring seals should have four perforations crisscrossing the centre, so they separate under duress (or, in the case of ring seals, snap when twisted open) until all are PHASED out completely, and replaced with another environmentally friendly alternative (e.g. recycled biodegradable cardboard).
2. In the meantime, educate people to care, and cut these items in half after consumption before disposal in a bin.
3. Enforce mandatory laws that manufacturers face stringent regulations and seek approval from an Environmental Consultant before these products hit the market.
4. As an extra incentive to replace these disposable plastic products with cardboard, businesses could have their store logo imprinted on the lid.
5. Sadly we can't change some people's abhorrent behaviour, but we can reduce the impact on the earth's innocent and vulnerable wildlife by producing ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY products.

**STOP THE CRUELTY.** Let's give our wildlife a fighting chance and remove these deathtraps, especially the plastic dome lids and plastic ring seals from production and circulation IMMEDIATELY.