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**INQUIRY INTO WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE
RECOVERY AMENDMENT (PLASTICS REDUCTION)
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Plastic use has increased since supermarkets and some retailers decided to phase out use of single plastic bags. If we want to preserve our oceans and marine life, it is necessary now to phase out the use of all plastics, bags, wrapping, straws, plastic plates, plastic cutlery and containers that cannot be recycled. Unfortunately, people are not responsible in disposing of their rubbish, some plastic makes it to landfill where it takes more than a lifetime to break down, we are running out of land to dispose of our rubbish. The oceans are choking along with our marine life, so much plastic ends up in our oceans, it won't be long before the ocean will be our new rubbish tip and nothing will survive including humans who depend on the oceans for the majority of oxygen. It is a disgrace that our marine life has to suffer and more often than not choke or are entangled in massive amounts of plastic, only to die a slow agonising death. Marine Life is essential for keeping our oceans clean, they contribute enormously to our economy by way of clean jobs too. I buy organic food where possible without it being wrapped in plastic, which is very hard to find, it defeats the purpose of chemical free food when wrapped in plastic which is poisonous. If there is to be a future for generations to come, plastic needs to be banned now, no excuses for enquires and delays, act now.