

**INQUIRY INTO WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE
RECOVERY AMENDMENT (PLASTICS REDUCTION)
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I make this submission as I am concerned about the increasing problem of plastic pollution. I regularly participate in beach cleanups and it is quite distressing to see the state of our beaches. Plastic on the beach and in the water is a major issue for marine life. Microplastic pollution from the plastic breaking down and also from the use of synthetic materials is also a major problem but not so visible.

A lot of single use plastics are unnecessary - takeaway containers, coffee cups, plastic bags are not very convenient when you consider the environmental impacts of their use and disposal. Dome Lids are another example of an unnecessary item that can be hazardous for wildlife.

I hope that these single use items will be banned and education and recycling programmes developed which mean that waste is reduced or avoided and waste that is unavoidable is dealt with in a responsible manner.

Yours sincerely,
Fiona Bennett