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INQUIRY INTO WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY AMENDMENT (PLASTICS REDUCTION) BILL 2021

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm particularly concerned about plastic milk bottles. They're so ubiquitous and seem to fly under the radar (maybe because we all feel virtuous and entitled to drink pure white nutritious milk!).

I did contact the packaging company who actually produces the containers a while back and proposed that they use an eco-safe/authentically biodegradable material in their bottle molds, but they said the change and alterations to their processes would be too expensive.

Wouldn't it be great if the State Government could fund the cost for this transition through a grant or some kind of funding allowance for such a progressive and high impact initiative?

I think it would get a lot of support from the community.

Also, there are many pubs and clubs still using one-use eco harmful plastic cups and they won't even allow patrons to reuse/refill their cup. I understand that scientists and doctors say that this is not necessary to thwart the spread of Covid, so why are they allowed to cause so much plastic waste? This is a great initiative and Govt backing would be excellent: https://wasupme.com/

Kind regards,

Julie Beesley