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**Sent:** Monday, 8 July 2019 5:51 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

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**From:** Alison Balcombe <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 5:50 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
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Dear Manager,

Along with the measures outlined below, I would also like to see:

Compostable bin liners only-  
No reusable plastic bags- environmentally friendly options only.

Ban on glad wrap style products and freezer bags.

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**From:** Anda Banikos <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 1:24 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
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Dear Manager,

I grew up in WA, but now live in the Eastern States. Every day, I experienced WA's natural beauty and freedom from pollution and have been saddened at the environmental degradation that has occurred, most obviously over the past 30 years. I urge you to do all in your power to restore what has been polluted and stem the tide of further environmental degradation.

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**From:** Anna Courtney <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 2 July 2019 9:29 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission Please do something before it's too late for our oceans and our future

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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It is day 2 of plastic free July and I have already failed to avoid single use plastic despite my best efforts. There is also confusion for example with terms such as biodegradable when it needs to be compostable. ( plastic breaking down into smaller plastic is probably worse than better).

There absolutely needs to be a total ban on plastic straws, plastic cutlery, and all all non recyclable plastic including micro plastics. Alternatives need to be found before it is too late. The reliance on single use coffee cups is horrific. Convenient items have become the lazy persons norm.

I'm angry about how little is being done by the government on this issue and expect more changes before it's too late.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Anna Courtney

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**From:** Beck Walls <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 11:15 AM  
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13. Implement a ban on the use of Plastic Bread Tags. Enact a Law that Manufacturers must cease with the use of plastic tags & replace them with a recycled- paper based alternative.

Thank you.

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**From:** Bonnie James <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 7:22 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

I'm writing this email not because I'm particularly passionate about the issue of single-use plastic, but because I am particularly passionate about protecting the rights and access of disabled people.

The form email Sea Shepherd has suggested I send calls for a ban on plastic straws, which is frankly unconscionable. There are no readily accessible alternative products which are suitable for all disabled people. Disposable plastic straws were invented to allow injured or disabled people to take fluids, and they are still required for this purpose.

I have as much climate/environmental anxiety and grief as the next person, but we either work out a way to make progress for everyone, including the most vulnerable, or we all burn together. We don't throw the vulnerable under a bus to make the rest of us feel comfortable because we've at least done something.

Plastic straws must continue to be available, accessible, and convenient for disabled people - they shouldn't be burdened with having to supply their own. Able people can take on the work of refusing straws, and move on to the next challenge.

I will include below those of Sea Shepherd's suggestions which I can agree with. It's important to remember that things like prepackaged food, which may seem wasteful and indulgent to able people, can be a lifesaver for disabled people.

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**From:** Buddy Moyle <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 June 2019 4:51 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
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**From:** Cheryl Scholfield <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 1:23 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

I know this is a submission made by many of us - but it is a sincere expression of my personal views and reflects my own individual experiences and efforts to stem the tide of single use plastics.

I provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

I urge you to recommend the following to ensure there is a step change at the State Government level which addresses the prevalence and increasing impacts of single-use plastics in Western Australia.

1. Implement market restrictions (ban) on cigarette smoking on all WA beaches including on the spot fines for offences.
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3. Implement a ban on intentional and mass helium balloon releases and plastic balloon sticks and clips. Make amendments to the Litter Act 1979 (WA) to reflect that a litter offence occurs from the act of intentionally releasing a balloon (not when it lands), including on the spot fines for offenders.
4. Implement market restrictions (ban) single-use plastic straws, plastic cutlery (forks, knives, spoons and chopsticks), plastic plates, cotton bud sticks made of plastic, polystyrene food and beverage products and glitter including those labelled biodegradable.
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10. Provide educational signage in multiple languages at known recreational fishing hotspots on the environmental impacts of plastic, particularly related to fishing gear.

11. Increase signage at popular beaches highlighting the impacts of plastics in our oceans, encouraging beach-goers to take their rubbish home or face fines.

12. Establish a Ministerial Reference Group on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government, retailers and industry.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Cheryl Scholfield

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**From:** David Broun <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 6:36 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

Action on single use plastic should be guided by a simple principle administered in law by the government:

If you can't re-use, repair or recycle then don't make it.

If this applied to all decision making around this issue then the following recommendations should be enacted.

We provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

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Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
David Broun

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**From:** Deborah Coulthard <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 June 2019 9:22 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

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10. Provide educational signage in multiple languages at known recreational fishing hotspots on the environmental impacts of plastic, particularly related to fishing gear.

11. Increase signage at popular beaches highlighting the impacts of plastics in our oceans, encouraging beach-goers to take their rubbish home or face fines.
12. Implement market restrictions (ban) on disposable cigarette lighters.
13. Implement market restrictions (ban) on single use plastic drink bottles, including milk bottles.
14. Establish incentives for Western Australian recyclables to be processed within WA, instead of being exported to China or developing countries where goodness knows what happens to them.
15. Establish a Ministerial Reference Group on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government, retailers and industry.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Deborah Coulthard

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**From:** Dirk Ziolkowski <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 5:36 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

I know I'm not living in WA. In saying that, the issue is much wider and not a state issue. It's an issue for us all.

I'm writing today to encourage WA to support a brave move and ban single use plastic. We provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

I urge you to recommend the following to ensure there is a step change at the State Government level which addresses the prevalence and increasing impacts of single-use plastics in Western Australia.

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11. Increase signage at popular beaches highlighting the impacts of plastics in our oceans, encouraging beach-goers to take their rubbish home or face fines.

12. Establish a Ministerial Reference Group on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government, retailers and industry.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Dirk Ziolkowski

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**From:** Fiona Haasz <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 1:17 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

Please lead the other jurisdictions in this country on this matter.

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12. Establish a Ministerial Reference Group on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government, retailers and industry.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Fiona Haasz

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**From:** Grace Keast <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 June 2019 1:38 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

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11. Increase signage at popular beaches highlighting the impacts of plastics in our oceans, encouraging beach-goers to take their rubbish home or face fines.

12. Establish a Ministerial Reference Group on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government, retailers and industry.

As a resident of a remote regional town with very little in the way of recycling facilities we need government intervention to reduce the single use plastics that find their way to our environment. This will reduce the amount that our local shire needs to send to landfill.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Grace Keast

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**From:** Helen Merryfull <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 8:16 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

We need to act now. Every day we delay, more plastic enters our waterways and oceans. I provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, killing our marine wildlife and affects the food we consume, in turn causing more health problems for our society.

I urge you to recommend the following to ensure there is a step change at the State Government level which addresses the prevalence and increasing impacts of single-use plastics in Western Australia.

As a smoker, I still believe cigarette smoking should be banned on all WA beaches.

A ban on supermarkets using single use plastics for their fruit and veg. Bag bans should also apply to wholesalers, importers and retailers who provide these products to their customers both in shop and online, including all small businesses. The charge for using a plastic bag should increase dramatically as it has for cigarettes. This would reduce the number used and increased profit on those bags can be used in helping the environment.

Intentionally releasing balloons into the atmosphere should be banned and people fined for littering if they do.

Ban single-use plastic straws, plastic cutlery, plastic plates, cotton bud sticks made of plastic, polystyrene cups and containers.

Facilitating investment in infrastructure and initiatives to support increasing the number of public water stations to reduce prevalence of single-use plastic water bottles in the environment.

Provide educational signage in multiple languages at known recreational fishing hotspots on the environmental impacts of plastic, particularly related to fishing gear.

Increase signage at popular beaches highlighting the impacts of plastics in our oceans, encouraging beach-goers to take their rubbish home or face fines.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Helen Merryfull

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**From:** James Blindell <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 July 2019 8:34 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
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Yes - come on - be brave, be proactive - our grandchildren will thank us.

Yes, I live in SA but we have one single planet that we must all protect.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
James Blindell

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**From:** Jen Jasmine <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 July 2019 7:32 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

Please join us in ensuring the future of our Earth, wildlife generations by banning single use plastics!

We provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

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Yours sincerely,  
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**From:** Joanna Crea <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 5:36 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

After living in Western Australia for fourteen years, and witnessing the impact that single use plastics has on such a remarkable environment.

I write this submission urging the Western Australian Government to administer directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

I urge you to recommend the following to ensure there is a change at the State Government level which addresses the prevalence and increasing impacts of single-use plastics in Western Australia.

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Thank you for your time  
Waiting a reply

Yours sincerely,  
Joanna Crea

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**From:** Johanna Squire <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 July 2019 6:35 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

It's time for single use coffee cups to be banned.

I provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

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Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Johanna Squire

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**From:** Karen Joynes <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 June 2019 7:50 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

In addition to the following, I ask that there be a ban on the use of helium to inflate balloons, and that the ban on releasing balloons includes accidental as well as intentional.

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Thank you.

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**From:** Kim Pica <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, 12 July 2019 9:52 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

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Although, I do not live in W.A; I hope this initiative is successful and sets standards for all other Australian states and territories.

Yours sincerely,  
Kim Pica

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**From:** Maarten Van Yzendoorn <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 1:32 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

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Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Maarten Van Yzendoorn

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**From:** Mal Odgers <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 7:10 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear reader,

Below please find Sea Shepard's well constructed email with very compelling points. I have to add my plea prior to theirs as often same wording requests are dismissed as robo messages by those with vested interests. Its very important for WA to lead the way and ban single use plastics. This will set a standard for the rest of Australia then flow to our reagon and the world. Human's survived for millennia without plastics, we have been overrun by plastics convenience. There is a place for plastics in our world however single use does not sense. please read on if you have the time and thank you for listening to me.

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3. Implement a ban on intentional and mass helium balloon releases and plastic balloon sticks and clips. Make amendments to the Litter Act 1979 (WA) to reflect that a litter offence occurs from the act of intentionally releasing a balloon (not when it lands), including on the spot fines for offenders.
4. Implement market restrictions (ban) single-use plastic straws, plastic cutlery (forks, knives, spoons and chopsticks), plastic plates, cotton bud sticks made of plastic, polystyrene food and beverage products and glitter including those labelled biodegradable.
5. Implement market restriction (ban) on the sale and manufacture of microbeads, often found in personal care products.
6. Introduce clear targets for the reduction of the excessive plastic food packaging for fruit and vegetables and convenience foods sold in retail stores and online outlets.
7. Introduce clear, unambiguous and standardised labelling which indicates how waste should be disposed (compostable / recycling and method / landfill), the negative environmental impact of the product, and the presence of any plastics in the products. Such products would include coffee cups, baby/wet wipes, balloons and sanitary napkins. Any changes to labelling should be supported by educational program.
8. Facilitating investment in infrastructure and initiatives to support increasing the number of public water bubbler / water stations to reduce prevalence of single-use plastic water bottles in the environment.

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11. Increase signage at popular beaches highlighting the impacts of plastics in our oceans, encouraging beach-goers to take their rubbish home or face fines.
12. Establish a Ministerial Reference Group on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government, retailers and industry.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Mal Odgers

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**From:** Marina Hansen <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 3:24 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Sir / Madam,

I provide this submission urging the Western Australian (WA) Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

I urge you to recommend the following to ensure there is a step change at the State Government level which addresses the prevalence and increasing impacts of single-use plastics in Western Australia.

1. Implement ban on cigarette smoking on all WA beaches, including on the spot fines for offences.
2. Implement market restrictions (ban) on plastic shopping bags, produce / barrier bags (fruit and vegetable bags), including:
  - Increasing the current ban on lightweight plastic bags (HDPE 35 microns thickness) to single-use plastics bags up to 70 microns.
  - Bag bans should apply to all wholesalers, importers, retailers and hospitality outlets who provide these products to their customers both in shop and online, including all small businesses.
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  - Make amendments to the Litter Act 1979 (WA) to reflect that a litter offence occurs from the act of intentionally releasing a balloon (not when it lands), including on the spot fines for offenders.
4. Implement market restrictions (ban) single-use plastic straws, plastic cutlery (forks, knives, spoons, stirrers and chopsticks), plastic plates, cotton bud sticks made of plastic, all polystyrene food and beverage products ('clamshell' containers, cups (of all sizes), lids, plates, bowls) and glitter including those labelled biodegradable.
5. Implement market restriction (ban) on the sale and manufacture of microbeads, often found in personal care, cosmetic and household cleaning products. The deadline for voluntary industry phase-out by July 2018 is overdue by one year with latest data reporting 6% yet to phase out or commit to phasing out.
6. Introduce clear targets for the reduction of the excessive plastic food packaging for all fruit and vegetables and convenience foods sold in retail stores and online outlets. Any packaging of this type should be 100% recyclable as a minimum. Please ban the nylon netting bags and over packaged fresh fruit and vegetables.
7. Introduce clear, unambiguous and standardised labelling which indicates how waste should be disposed (compostable / recycling and method / landfill), the negative environmental impact of the product packaging, and the presence of any plastics in the products. Such products would include coffee cups, baby/wet/flushable toilet and bathroom cleaning wipes, balloons and sanitary napkins. Any changes to labelling should be supported by educational program.
8. Facilitating investment in infrastructure and initiatives to support increasing the number of public water bubbler / water stations to reduce prevalence of single-use plastic water bottles in the environment.
9. Implement market restrictions (ban) on plastic bait bags. Alternatives are already available in WA, supported by the WA Government.

10. Provide educational signage in multiple languages at known recreational fishing hotspots on the environmental impacts of plastic, particularly related to problem fishing gear. Ban the use of balloons in fishing.

11. Increase signage at popular beaches highlighting the impacts of plastics in our oceans, encouraging beachgoers to take their rubbish home or face fines.

12. Begin working towards a circular economy by developing extended producer responsibility and design guidelines should all be investigated as tools to mitigate against the exponential growth in single-use plastic packaging, much of which is not recyclable in Australia.

13. Establish a Stakeholder Taskforce on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government and industry.

14. Provide funding into better local recycling schemes (e.g. GreenBatch) to minimise landfill and re-use or re-purpose existing single-use plastic. This may involve government subsidies for recycling companies using existing products, while manufacturers using raw virgin plastic should be taxed. Closed loop manufacturing should be the only path forward as the world has more than enough plastic and does not need any more from oil industries.

15. We urge the WA Environment Minister Hon. Stephen Dawson to advocate for a national approach to the reduction of single-use plastics at the next Australian Meeting of Environment Ministers. At that meeting we also strongly recommend the Ministers set a much earlier target of 100 per cent of Australian packaging to be recyclable, compostable or reusable than the current year of 2025 – many other countries have set more ambitious targets like Canada and the EU (bans from 2021).

As the Fremantle Marine Debris Team Coordinator with Sea Shepherd Australia's Marine Debris Campaign I have seen thousands of items of single-use plastic that has been discarded or dumped in our coastal and river environments. It is appalling and disgusting the amount of plastic that is not disposed of properly. We have noticed a reduction in the amount of single-use plastic bags at our clean-ups since the bag ban came into effect. This has shown that through market restrictions where consumers are mandated to change their behaviour it can meet and exceed the goals of the restriction and most people do change for the better.

I look forward to hearing the results of this consultation and ask the Government to act immediately on this very important issue facing not just WA but around Australia and globally.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Marina Hansen

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**From:** , Maxine O`Connell <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 July 2019 10:06 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** nappies for babies & toddler use as well as nappies for geriatrics Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

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12. Establish a Ministerial Reference Group on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government, retailers and industry.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
maxine O`Connell

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**From:** Michael Wasiliev <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 7:49 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

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10. Provide educational signage in multiple languages at known recreational fishing hotspots on the environmental impacts of plastic, particularly related to fishing gear.

11. Increase signage at popular beaches highlighting the impacts of plastics in our oceans, encouraging beach-goers to take their rubbish home or face fines.

12. Establish a Ministerial Reference Group on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government, retailers and industry.

Isn't it about time that we took charge of our destiny? Let's do the right / correct thing here for our selves and for those still to come

Thank you.

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**From:** Mishael Jay <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 July 2019 11:02 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

Although i don't live in WA, I urge the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics. They are polluting our rivers and oceans, starving and poisoning marine wildlife, ecosystems and even contaminating the food we consume.

I urge you to recommend the following to ensure there is a step change at the State Government level which addresses the prevalence and increasing impacts of single-use plastics in Western Australia.

1. Ban cigarette smoking on all WA beaches and introduce on-the-spot fines for offences.
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4. Ban single-use plastic straws, plastic cutlery (forks, knives, spoons and chopsticks), plastic plates, cotton-bud sticks made of plastic, polystyrene food and beverage products and plastic glitter including those labelled biodegradable.
5. Ban the sale and manufacture of microbeads, often found in personal care products.
6. Introduce clear targets for the reduction of the excessive plastic food packaging for fruit and vegetables and convenience foods sold in retail shops and online outlets.
7. Introduce clear, unambiguous and standardised labelling which indicates
  - how waste should be disposed of (compostable / recycling and method / landfill).
  - the negative environmental impact of the product, and - the presence of any plastics in the products.Such products would include coffee cups, baby/wet wipes, balloons and sanitary napkins. Changes to labelling should be supported by an educational program.
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9. Ban plastic bait bags.
10. Provide educational signage in multiple languages at known recreational fishing hotspots about the environmental impacts of plastic, particularly related to fishing gear.
11. Increase signage at popular beaches highlighting the impacts of plastics in our oceans, encouraging beach-goers to take their rubbish home or face fines.

12. Establish a Ministerial Reference Group on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government, retailers and industry.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Mishael Jay

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**From:** Nicola Richards <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 13 July 2019 7:31 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

We provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

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12. Establish a Ministerial Reference Group on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government, retailers and industry.

13. Increase the amount of recycling stations/bins along beach areas and parks.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Nicola Richards

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**From:** Patti Wilkins <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 June 2019 7:31 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

It is essential that we act on this as an emergency. No time scaled exceptions. We provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

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Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Patti Wilkins

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**From:** Pauline Cameron <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 7:31 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

As a born and bred West Australian, I am still fully vested in what happens in my birth place and more importantly Australia as a whole.

We provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

I urge you to recommend the following to ensure there is a step change at the State Government level which addresses the prevalence and increasing impacts of single-use plastics in Western Australia.

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12. Establish a Ministerial Reference Group on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government, retailers and industry.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
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**From:** Rachel Oakeley <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 June 2019 1:24 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

Single-use plastics have got to go. Strong and immediate bans will cause some disgruntlement from loud minorities but will quickly become the normal way of life. That's how single use shopping bags went.

Short term change resistance is a small price to pay for the advantages that flow. WA can lead the way in this.

I completely endorse the following recommendations:

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Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
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**From:** Rob McConchie <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 4:42 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

I am not a citizen of WA, but prefer to think of myself as a citizen of the world. And this world is choking on plastic! Clearly WA alone cannot solve the world plastic problem, but it can show leadership that other states and countries may follow. Please read this submission.

We provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

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Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Rob McConchie

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**From:** Robert Bennett <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 9:31 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

Not only is there overfishing of the worlds oceans but those very fishing boats leave there nets and rubbish all to produce large profits for corporations or even worse criminal organisations.

We provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

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**From:** Roze Devereux <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 11:30 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

The health of the world's oceans is of primary importance to every living creature on this earth. And the devastating impact of single-use plastics is clearly evident. But the average person can be forgiven for now seeing the whole picture. It's issues like this our democratically elected representatives are needed to address.

We provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

An outright ban on any and all single-use plastics would of course be difficult to implement and costly to businesses and communities, so a compromise is required.

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Sir David Attenborough has said we cannot be radical enough when it comes to climate change. Similarly, it is time for dynamic and decisive actions to protect the health of our oceans, and our future.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
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**From:** Ruza Kinsman <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 July 2019 10:30 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

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The reality is that single use plastics are a mistake we need to leave in the past. Plastics themselves, as well as the inadequate systems for their disposal, are depriving my generation and future generations of a beautiful Earth, and placing our ecosystems (and thereby humanity) in jeopardy. Australians like to say we value nature, the great outdoors, the beach... This is hypocrisy if we continue to refuse to take the steps to protect these things.

I hope that the West Australian Government gets its' priorities straight and implements these changes promptly.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Ruza Kinsman

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**From:** Ryan Benson <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 8:15 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

We provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

While I do not live in your state (currently I reside in NSW), I still wanted to have my voice and ask you to ban single use plastics. If great states like yours and South Australia put bans in place, hopefully it can have an influence on the rest of the country.

The world is in a situation now where we need everyone working on the environmental problems we face, none of us can sit by. I implore you that if you have any children or grandchildren or anyone that you care about that is inheriting this earth from us that you put this ban in place.

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**From:** sean emmett <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 5:31 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

Along with what is quoted below, I would like to see pollution catchment sumps or nets on all estuarine, river and ocean storm water outlets.

We have 5 metropolitan marine parks in Perth alone, and all of them receive run-off directly or indirectly from our roads. How about we treat the entire coast like a marine park.

My fear is all the non single use plastics will eventually plague us longer, so a move to organic plant based bio degradable/compostable plastic materials would be preferable.

Government promotion or tax rebates for local business to produce the manufacture of this material, that can be sourced from avocado seed, hemp etc. Would be helpful.

Mine sites to remove all plastic containers from crib/lunch rooms that employees use for food storage. Though these containers are reusable, but they are treated and disposed like one off use!! THEY have the money to provide workers with compostable containers that in the long run will probably benefit the companies waste disposal budgets.

Just because the plastics are not going in the ocean, they are still going to landfill, using compostable products will only benefit the earth. And allow nature to break our waste down, thus recycling it back into the system.

And quit sending all our plastic over seas, its usually to a third world asian country that ends up dumping it in the ocean any way. Promote local recycling plants here, there are many great inventions theses days that can do many things with plastic.

I also think that recreational cray fishers should only be allowed to use natural fibre ropes. They do not need the resistive wear and tear like commercial fishers. These ropes will break down eventually, when old mate does not retrieve his jammed pot or if a storm takes it away, or if it entangles a whale, eventually the rope will disintegrate and the whale may retain its limbs. Also a lot easier to cut off than the plastic rope from a whale, if you have ever tried?!

I could go on :-)

We provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

Cigarette butts do not have to be plastic, why can they not use natural fibres including charcoal. If cigarette companies want to continue to sell in Australia they must remove the outer casing plastic from the packet and have natural biodegradable filters. A penny for all the plastic covers I have removed from the swan river!!! In fact the whole packet could be recycled if they were pressured to do so.

I urge you to recommend the following to ensure there is a step change at the State Government level which addresses the prevalence and increasing impacts of single-use plastics in Western Australia.

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9. Implement market restrictions (ban) on plastic bait bags.
10. Provide educational signage in multiple languages at known recreational fishing hotspots on the environmental impacts of plastic, particularly related to fishing gear. This however I feel is a waste of money and all it does pollute the landscape. People have an inability to read signs, mainly because there are so many signs, they eventually blend in and become un-noticed.
11. Increase signage at popular beaches highlighting the impacts of plastics in our oceans, encouraging beach-goers to take their rubbish home or face fines.
12. Establish a Ministerial Reference Group on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government, retailers and industry.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
sean emmett

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**From:** Steven Makse <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, 12 July 2019 12:56 PM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

Just because we can use single-use plastics, doesn't mean we should. There's always several ways to do things, we need to start doing things smarter to stop the degradation of our planet. It's time to stop single-use plastics.

We provide this submission urging the Western Australian Government to adopt ambitious directives against single-use plastics that are responsible for polluting our rivers and oceans, impacting marine wildlife, ecosystems and even the food we consume.

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12. Establish a Ministerial Reference Group on Plastics to identify and provide advice on alternative single-use products, innovation and benchmark practices. Representatives to include community and environmental groups, government, retailers and industry.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Steven Makse

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**From:** SUSAN NICHOLAS <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 9:38 AM  
**To:** Plastic Action  
**Subject:** Single-Use Plastics in WA Submission

Dear Manager,

As a former resident of Western Australia (12 years) now back in my home state of Victoria, I am pleased to read that your government has begun taking steps to outlaw single-use plastics.

Plastic is threatening to destroy our oceans and the life in it. We have all read and seen examples of marine life ensnared in plastic; dead birds with stomachs full of plastic particles, straws, bottle tops and the detritus littering our shores & rivers.

Plastic pollution is flowing into our oceans at an alarming rate, and is estimated there will be more plastic than fish in our oceans by 2050.

Plastic has a long legacy, breaking down into smaller and smaller pieces that can last thousands of years, harming marine life and entering our food chains.

We must ensure this is stopped at its source - banning single use plastic only the beginning.

The Federal Senate Inquiry report titled: "Never waste a crisis: the waste and recycling industry in Australia" was released in June this year, and is a contemporary blueprint important to rebooting recycling and curbing Australia's plastic pollution footprint.

The key changes the cross-party report recommends be implemented are: a single-use plastics ban by 2023, a national cash for containers scheme, and mandatory federal government targets.

Around the world nations are beginning to act. For example the UK has recently announced its intention to ban the sale of plastic straws, drink stirrers and plastic-stemmed cotton buds, and called on all other Commonwealth countries to join in the fight against plastic pollution.

This submission put together by Sea Shepherd urges you to recommend the following to ensure there is a step change at the State Government level which addresses the prevalence and increasing impacts of single-use plastics in Western Australia.

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Australians are taking notice. We know it's a big problem and we want our government to be leaders in turning the tide on plastic pollution. We call on you to commit to a ban on single-use plastics by 2023 and a 70% reduction of plastic pollution entering our waterways and reaching our oceans, commencing immediately.

Yours sincerely,  
Susan Nicholas  
Malvern East, Victoria, 3145, Australia

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