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Dear **<Sir / Madam or Dear Mr/Mrs/Dr/Ms Last Name>**

I am writing to you on behalf of the children, parents and carers at

**<Name of School, Suburb>** As the Principal, I have been asked to put forward our concerns for the growing cost of inaction by **<City Council>** and the **<State>** Government on plastic pollution.

Our nations addiction to convenience is at a catastrophic level with over

1 billion take away cups and 3.5 billion straws being used every year. Our oceans and waterways are being choked to death and we are already witnessing the detrimental impact that is having on our wildlife and public health.

We urgently demand **<State>** to follow South Australia and Tasmania and call for an immediate ban on single use plastics; starting with all bags, take away containers, cups, stirrers, straws and utensils. Balloons and bottled water are also common polluters and should be take into consideration.

Government initiatives like the plastic bag ban and the introduction of the container deposit scheme last year have been effective, but the waste we generate in Australia is still growing at twice the rate of our population. We need much stricter legislation, regulations and policies. We need to start addressing the problem at the source by placing much stronger pressure on manufacturers and producers.

The children at our school are awaiting your response with anticipation,

Sincerely,

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