

## Helping make New Zealand a better place

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So, New Zealand is famous for its stunning landscapes, right? But sadly, even our amazing country isn't free from litter troubles. It's everywhere, from our bustling cities to the peaceful coastal areas. It's really upsetting to see how our sceneries are getting spoiled because of people's carelessness.

I started my investigation by looking into the places in my own community that are struggling with litter. My local park, a spot where children should be playing around, was covered in garbage bags, plastic bottles, and even food scraps. It was upsetting to see how the places that bring me most joy are becoming a dumping ground for all sorts of rubbish.

Litter isn't just an eyesore; it's also a big problem for our creatures. Marine animals like sea turtles mistake plastic bags for jellyfish, and birds accidentally swallow those tiny bits of plastic. It's extremely bad for their health. Doesn't it make you sad to think about the harm we're causing to these innocent creatures?

I didn't want to sit around feeling helpless, so I started thinking about what we can actually do to tackle this litter issue. One idea is to promote better waste management and recycling habits. Imagine having more recycling bins around, making it super easy for everyone to do the right thing! We could also organize community clean-up events to get everyone involved and show them the importance of keeping our environment clean.