

Plastic Planet

Can we stop and think about our planet and our beautiful country Aotearoa?

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This photo includes New Zealand's popular skyscraper "The Sky Tower". This photo was taken during my morning ride to school.

Location: SH20 motorway ,7.43am, June 9th 2023

The photo as you can see looks clean, cool and calm. But is it really? Is it plastic free? Our world quickly became obsessed with plastic and this caused growing pollution, especially in our oceans and waterways. Are we on the way to becoming a plastic planet?

Marine pollution is caused by chemicals and rubbish being dumped in the ocean by humans. What we don't think about is how careless we are to throw rubbish in the ocean without realizing the effect of this on our marine life. Think before you do something and ask yourself: is this harming our world? A little thought can go a long way.

Everyday I travel on state highway 20 and I always take a moment to admire the beautiful view and ocean. Sometimes I worry about how we as humans might destroy this beautiful view that the future generations may not be able to enjoy.

To make sure this doesn't happen we can reduce, reuse and recycle and spread awareness about protecting the environment.

Reference:

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