

Dear Secretariat,

Please find below the Australia Department of the Environment and Energy's comments on the Norwegian outline for a draft resolution on marine litter and micro plastics:

- Australia does not object to this outline and sees merit in UNEA3 resolutions that add value (that is, go beyond previous resolutions).
- In general, the outline is focused on industrial changes and infrastructure investment. We believe there is scope to highlight the role of the informal sector; this may include anything from individuals collecting bottle deposits in the developed world to bulk collection of PET for its commodity value in the developing world. This would highlight the diversity of responses required.
- We note the reference to setting national, sub-regional or regional reduction targets and we do not object to this approach.
- We note the focus of the last proposed element on nano-sized marine plastics. Some academic literature suggests that there is no major novel effect of micro-plastics, and as such nano sized plastics. Hence we suggest to reconsider the specific emphasis on micro-sized plastics over larger plastics.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need further clarifications.

Regards,

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