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Stop the issue of soft plastics at the supplier (Nestle, Mars, McCormick) and the middle man /distributor (Coles, Woolworths and ALDI). Encourage these key players to be accountable in what packaging they supply by only accepting their products in material that can be recycled in our council bins. Give them an implementation date of say 6 months for big companies and 1 year for small companies (or whatever is fair to make these changes to their production runs). We already pay for 'convenience' with all this packaging that is chosen by suppliers - not us. Stop putting costs back to the consumer. Give us better choices and we'll make better choices. Example - shopping bags, reusable or paper option only. An initiative that worked. Do that at a supplier and distribution level and you will have a lot less soft plastic waste that needs to be managed.