

Members and supporters of Environmental Conservation group Friends of the Forest Inc. would like to present the following points in the hopes of encouraging more Earth-friendly processes with regards to the issue of soft plastics in Australia.

1. Product manufacturers must take responsibility for the packaging they use.
2. Incentives provided for manufacturers to find biodegradable & sustainable packaging alternatives.
3. Levies required from manufactures who refuse to comply.
4. Packaging costs not to be passed down the supply chain to consumers.
5. Stop collected soft plastics being taken to landfill or disposed by fire.
6. Establish a mandatory Extended Producer Responsibility Scheme: Producers being accountable for the full life-cycle of soft plastics, including collection and recycling costs.
7. Collection and recycling within Australia should be mandatory with the backup of official legislation.
8. Supermarkets to continue their soft plastic collection programs with visible outcomes eg. park benches, playground equipment, etc.
9. Accurate labeling of packaging so that consumers are not misled about the recyclability of soft plastics.
10. Involvement of all producers not just manufacturers and supermarkets.
11. The takeaway food sector should also receive incentives to access compostable or recyclable packaging.