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RE: Action on Plastics – Website and Policy Consultation Paper

On July 25, 2019 Environment and Climate Change Strategy Minister, George Heyman, launched a province-wide, public engagement on the topic of reducing plastic waste.

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy is inviting you to provide feedback on new policy opportunities and proposed amendments to the Recycling Regulation of the *Environmental Management Act* by September 30, 2019 to address plastic waste.

Visit the Clean BC Plastics Action Plan [website](#) to read the [Policy Consultation Paper](#) and learn more about the solutions being considered. Instructions on how to provide comments are provided in the Policy Consultation Paper. A [news release](#) is also available.

Further details on the webinars being conducted for stakeholders, on the policy paper and proposed revisions to the Recycling Regulation of the *Environmental Management Act* will follow shortly.

Overview

Government is proposing action in four connected areas to reduce plastic pollution and use less plastic overall:

1. **Bans on single-use packaging:** Determining which types of plastic packaging to phase out altogether, as well as any necessary exemptions, such as those for health, safety and accessibility to keep products available for the people that need them.
2. **Dramatically reduce single-use plastic in landfills and waterways:** Requiring producers to take responsibility for more plastic products, ensuring more single-use items like sandwich bags, straws and cutlery get recycled.
3. **Plastic bottle and beverage container returns:** Expanding the deposit-refund system to cover all beverage containers – including milk and milk-substitutes – with a 10-cent refundable deposit, keeping millions more containers out of landfills and waterways.
4. **Reducing plastics overall:** Supporting effective ways to prevent plastic waste in the first place and ensuring recycled plastic is re-used effectively.

Share the Policy Consultation Paper

Please forward this correspondence to organization and association members and others who may wish to comment on the proposed changes. The ministry welcomes all suggestions.

Alternatively, you may wish to include the following in your forthcoming newsletter or circular for your members:

Do you have any thoughts on how we can reduce plastic waste in B.C.?

The government of B.C. wants your opinion on a range of possible solutions it's considering.

Just fill out the quick survey before September 30: www.cleanbc.ca/plastics

And help to set our province on a path to a more sustainable future.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to receiving your feedback.



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We are engaging on how to best reduce plastic waste; have your say here!