



SNIP RINGS FOR WILDLIFE



Date: / /

Name/Company:

Address:

Suburb: State: Postcode:

Re: plastic rings, rubber bands and hair ties pose danger to Australia's native wildlife

Dear

Each year, thousands of birds and air-breathing aquatic wildlife such as platypus, turtles and water dragons are strangled, obtain significant injuries and often die horrific deaths from discarded litter. Wildlife often becomes entangled in plastic rings, rubber bands and hair ties that wrap around their beak or muzzle, preventing them from eating. These items can also tangle up their feet, wings, or fins, limiting their movement. Young animals can become entrapped in these items, and as they grow, these items cut into their flesh, sometimes amputating limbs or killing the animal. Other animals mistake these items for food and ingest them.

Some manufacturers produce jars, bottles, and tetra packs with plastic lids that come with a plastic ring that snaps apart from the lid upon opening or a peel-off seal under the cap. If a plastic ring is not snipped before disposal, by a particularly environmentally aware person, then it enters our waste or natural water systems as a whole ring. This ring has the potential to cause a slow and painful death to a variety of Australia's native wildlife through strangulation, starvation, deformation, or infection.

I write to urge your company to change the design of your product and tetra packs to a peel-off seal under the cap or ring that snaps apart easily upon opening, to prevent the needless suffering of Australia's precious native wildlife.

Thank you in advance for your time and I look forward to your response.
My details are provided below.

Yours sincerely

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