



PACIFIC ISLANDS

THE NEED FOR ACTION

The impacts of plastic pollution and climate change acutely impact the Pacific Islands, with an estimated 300,000¹ tonnes of waste plastic generated in Pacific Island nations each year. A large proportion of this plastic is ending up in the natural environment.

The Pacific Islands have already taken a number of positive actions to eliminate problematic plastics. Regional collaboration is needed to take further action on plastic waste and pollution. A regional approach to developing a circular economy for plastic packaging will strengthen the voices of the Pacific Islanders, and provide opportunities to strengthen local systems, influence the type of plastic waste that ends up on the Islands, and open up new market opportunities.

WHAT WILL THE ANZPAC PLASTICS PACT DO?

The Australian, New Zealand and Pacific Island (ANZPAC) Plastics Pact is a collaborative solution that brings together key players in the region behind a shared vision of a circular economy for plastic, where plastic never becomes waste.

The Program has been designed to mobilise organisations, governments and key stakeholders that are part of the plastics supply chain in the ANZPAC region.

ANZPAC initiatives and activities will draw on the skills and knowledge of a range of local champions, ensuring ANZPAC meets the unique social, economic and environmental demands of each area. By working closely with individuals and teams on the ground, ANZPAC projects will be designed and delivered in a way that complements and enhances the work currently being done in the area to transition to a circular economy.

This document provides an overview of key focus areas and potential initiatives to be delivered as part of ANZPAC.

¹ Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (n.d.), Pacific Ocean Litter Project, accessed on 13/11/2020, <https://www.environment.gov.au/marine/international-activities/pacific-ocean-litter-project>





BENEFITS

Joining the ANZPAC Plastics Pact could help to unlock a new circular economy enabling the Islands to develop regional networks, opening up markets and unlocking barriers to support the development of a circular and economically viable plastics waste economy.

The following are themes that ANZPAC will support the Islands to develop:



THEME 1

Eliminating problematic/unnecessary items. Implement and scale alternative (reuse) delivery models



THEME 4

Creating market demand



THEME 2

Design for recycling/reuse



THEME 3

Collection/recycling



ANZPAC PLASTICS PACT OFFERS THE ISLANDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Open up a regional dialogue, creating opportunities and regional collaboration.
- Have a seat at the table with key influencers from governments and businesses across the whole region.
- Establish practical projects and blueprints to accelerate action.
- Open up new funding opportunities for the islands.
- Influence national waste policy. Build public-private dialogue to understand the regional impacts and build the evidence base for policy changes that will create the enabling conditions and opportunities to support the collaborative road map developed to meet the broader ANZPAC objectives.
- Learn from experience in other countries to accelerate knowledge, while being part of an international network.

HOW WOULD THE ISLANDS PARTICIPATE?

The Islands would have a representative whose remit is to represent the different Pacific Islands on the Collective Action Group (CAG) of the ANZPAC Plastics Pact. The function of the CAG would be to support the strategic direction of ANZPAC and represent and feed back to all ANZPAC Members and Supporters located in the Pacific Islands.

There would also be a series of working groups, which would be coordinated by a lead local champion working in collaboration with APCO from each of the Islands. The lead champion from each working group would convene the key stakeholders (from government, industry and local businesses) and gather their feedback to ensure the key issues, themes and projects are identified and followed up with action as part of ANZPAC. The local priorities would then be incorporated into a roadmap for the Islands with clear targets.

The following are some examples of how the Islands could participate (to be shaped by Island participation in ANZPAC). These initiatives were drafted following consultation with a number of representatives from the Islands.

POTENTIAL INITIATIVES

Identifying collections and recycling infrastructure	Required to manage waste in the islands, including solutions for remote archipelago islands.
Traceability project	Providing information about plastic packaging materials to support collection and recycling.
Market demand project	Increasing market demand by developing direct links in the Islands with reprocessors/ increasing the supply of higher quality packaging waste.
Container deposit & Product Stewardship schemes	Develop systems to collect and recycle plastic packaging. Opportunity to link to similar programs in Australia and New Zealand also.
Elimination and Reuse	Develop systems to eliminate unnecessary and problematic plastic packaging and implement reuse systems to reduce plastic material consumption.
Knowledge Hub	Stay informed of international policy developments and access international, regional and national resources, events and case studies.
New Market development	Exploring how plastics could be easily cleaned, exported and recycled, incorporating potential for new jobs and new market opportunities for islanders.
Consumer Behaviour Change	Increasing consumer messaging to raise citizen awareness of how to dispose of plastic packaging correctly.

ANZPAC PLASTICS PACT

MEMBERSHIP

The ANZPAC Plastics Pact welcomes support from a wide range of stakeholders from across the different regions to address plastics packaging and its impact on the environment.

The ANZPAC Plastics Pact has two Membership categories:

1. **ANZPAC Member**
2. **ANZPAC Supporter**

Only Government, Academia, Community Groups, NGOs and Industry Associations organisations are eligible to be ANZPAC Supporters.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	MEMBERSHIP FEES (EXCLUDING GST)
ANZPAC Member	
Under \$50 million	\$1,000
\$50 - \$250 million	\$7,500
\$250 - \$500 million	\$15,000
\$500 - \$1 billion	\$25,000
Greater than \$1 billion	\$35,000
ANZPAC Supporter	\$0

The figures listed above are in Australian Dollars.



Please find the following Member benefits for each category:

BENEFITS	ANZPAC MEMBER	ANZPAC SUPPORTER
Access to ANZPAC Member only resources including technical guidance relating to plastic packaging, events, webinars, project outcomes etc	✓	✗
Access to Plastics Pact network resources, events, webinars, project outcomes, experts etc.	✓	✓
Invitation to join innovation projects under the Circular Plastic Research Initiatives	✓	✓
Access aggregated and anonymised data available through annual reporting	✓	✗
Demonstrate progress towards the targets	✓	✗
Be involved in future collaborative projects	✓	✓
Invitation to apply and / or join working groups and project teams.	✓	✓
Access to ANZPAC Plastics Pact Membership icon to demonstrate involvement in the Pact	✓	✗
Access to ANZPAC Plastics Pact supporter icon to demonstrate involvement in the Pact	✗	✓
Invitation to join ANZPAC (Aus, NZ, Pacific Islands) cross regional projects team and co-design projects	✓	✓
Access to regular communication via the ANZPAC newsletter	✓	✓

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Entity Name: _____

Trading Name: _____

ABN, NZBN or equivalent: _____

Location: Australia New Zealand Pacific Islands _____

If you are located in the Pacific Islands, please specify where

Organisation category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brand Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> NGOs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retailers | <input type="checkbox"/> Academia | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry Associations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastics Supply Chain | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

Industry sector:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Nurseries | <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Beverage | <input type="checkbox"/> Packaging Manufacturers & Suppliers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airline, Accommodation & Tourism | <input type="checkbox"/> General Merchandise & Apparel | <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemicals, Hardware & Machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare & Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics | <input type="checkbox"/> Logistics & Warehousing | |

Annual Turnover:

- Under \$50 million \$50 - \$250 million \$250 - \$500 million
 \$500 million - \$1 billion Greater than \$1 billion

Contact details:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Position: _____ Contact number: _____

Brands Owned and their locations within the Pact regions: _____

Packaging supply chain position (if applicable): _____

Packaging material type used (if applicable): _____

Declaration (to be signed by the Company Executive):

I, _____(name) declare that the above information is true and correct.

_____ (Signature) _____ (Position Title) ____/____/____ (Date)

I have read and agree to the ANZPAC Plastics Pact Terms and Conditions



STEPS FOR COMPLETING THE MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP FORM:

1. COMPLETE IN FULL
2. PRINT
3. SIGN (BY CEO OR EQUIVALENT ONLY)
4. SCAN AND EMAIL TO ANZPAC@APCO.ORG.AU