



Think Globally. Act Locally!

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

PO Box 6118 – Clifford Gardens, Toowoomba QLD 4350

(22 Vacy Street, Toowoomba QLD 4350)

Ph 07 4639 2135; Email: office@hopeaustralia.org.au

Website: <http://www.hopeaustralia.org.au>

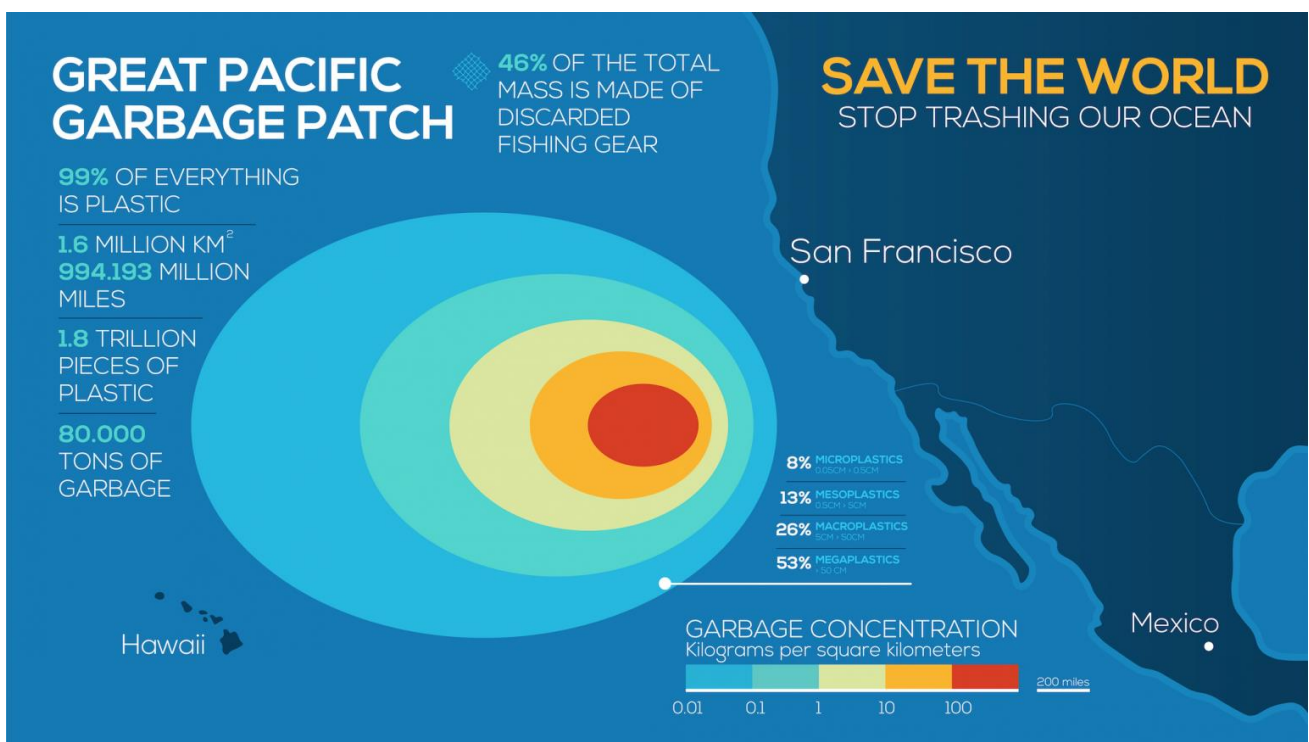
ABN 48 036 173 161

MEDIA RELEASE

Monday, 21st September 2024

Re: The Growing Threat of Plastic Pollution

Plastic pollution has become a global crisis, with single-use plastics and more durable items failing to be recycled in sufficient quantities. Much of this waste makes its way into our oceans, threatening marine life and human health.

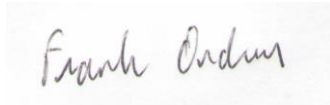


Plastics floating in the ocean are often ingested by marine animals like turtles, who mistake them for food. Additionally, the vast [Great Pacific Garbage Patch](#), a collection of plastic debris, exemplifies the severity of this pollution. Some plastic waste is carried by ocean currents, only to be deposited on beaches far from its origin, polluting coastlines worldwide.

Over time, these plastics break down into microplastics, which are ingested by fish. As these fish are harvested commercially, the microplastics enter the human food chain, posing significant risks to human health.

The [Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution \(UNEP\)](#) and various governmental initiatives, including Australia's waste reduction strategies, are tackling this crisis, but more efforts are needed globally.

Mr Frank Ondrus, President of [Householders' Options to Protect the Environment \(HOPE\) Inc. \(Australia\)](#) “believes that immediate action is necessary to reduce plastic production and improve recycling practices. We must act now to prevent irreversible harm to our ecosystems and protect future generations.”

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Ondrus". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Frank Ondrus, President – HOPE Inc., ph. 07 4639 2135

Written by Pooja Devi, Media Officer (ACT)