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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy  
Recycling Regulation Amendments  
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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Support for Provincial Plastics Action Plan

The qathet Regional District would like to voice its support of the provincial Plastics Action Plan. Taking initiative on the four options laid out in the Plan is a great first step in confronting the plastic crisis our world is facing. We thank you for taking this initiative.

Our regional district is in a remote coastal region with ferry access, making waste management challenging and costly. Preventing plastic waste, through bans on single use items and increasing the deposit refund system to cover all beverage containers will help our region meet the reduction targets outlined in our Solid Waste Management Plan. Bans at a federal level regulating the sale and use of plastic packaging in the market place creates a consistency for communities and manufacturers and is the most effective and streamlined way to move forward.

Helping to reduce plastic overall by ensuring recycled plastic is reused effectively through requiring a minimum content of recycled plastic in new packaging and products, would help make recycling more sustainable and invigorate the recycling market.

Expanding the Recycling Regulation to include "packaging like products", i.e. plastic forks, zipperlock bags, etc. is a step in the right direction however, without the inclusion of the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional items the impact will be greatly reduced as this sector is a significant waste generator of single use plastic items.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P Brabazon".

Patrick Brabazon, Chair

cc Nicholas Simons, MLA - Powell River-Sunshine Coast