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FROM THE ELLEN MACARTHUR FOUNDATION

We are delighted to welcome the ANZPAC Plastics Pact to the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's global Plastics Pact network.

Plastics Pacts are a unique opportunity to tackle plastic waste and pollution by bringing together businesses, governments, and NGOs to work towards a common vision of a circular economy for plastics.

Plastic waste and pollution has captured the attention of people around the world. Millions of dollars are being invested in cleaning up oceans, rivers, and beaches in an effort to turn the tide on plastic pollution. These efforts are vital, but will be for nothing if even more plastic continues to be allowed to leak into the environment, end up in landfill or be burnt. We need to tackle the issue at source by:

- eliminating problematic and unnecessary plastic items
- innovating to ensure that the plastics we do need are reusable, recyclable, or compostable
- and circulating all plastic items we use to keep them in the economy and out of the environment.

Unprecedented levels of collaboration are needed to realise this vision and to overcome barriers that a single organisation cannot address in isolation. More than 1,000 organisations globally are committed to the vision of a circular economy for plastic through the New Plastics Economy Global Commitment and the global network of Plastics Pacts.

The ANZPAC Plastics Pact is the first in the Pacific region and joins the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's nine launched Pacts in North America, Latin America, Europe, and Africa. The Plastics Pact network is a unique platform where organisations can exchange learnings and best practices across countries and regions to accelerate the transition to a circular economy for plastic. We are delighted that the Members of the ANZPAC Plastics Pact will join this effort and work together towards a joint set of ambitious and concrete 2025 targets.

We look forward to working together with the governments, industry, NGOs, and other key organisations in Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Island nations to make plastic waste a thing of the past. Together, we can drive real change towards a circular economy for plastics, in which plastic never becomes waste or pollution.

- Sonja Wegge, Plastics Pact Programme Manager, Ellen MacArthur Foundation