



# Taking Care of Wetlands Action Plan



- 1) Bring food without any packaging and drinks in reusable bottles or make sure you throw away your rubbish appropriately
- 2) If your friend litters tell them to discard their rubbish appropriately
- 3) If you see an animal caught in rubbish or fishing line tell an adult straight away
- 4) When there is the option of a recycle bin put your plastics, paper and cans (when appropriate) in it. If there are no recycle bins, ask someone 'Why not?' You CAN make a difference.
- 5) If there is a lot of rubbish in your local river, lake, stream tell your parents to call the local authorities to ask them to clean it or get your friends, family or school involved in activities like Clean Up Australia Day where everyone assists in cleaning the river.
- 6) If there is a lot of rubbish in your local river, lake, stream write a letter to your local authority and ask them to clean it. Remember that lots of rubbish ends up in rivers from your storm water drains- get involved in drain stencilling and ensure you school rubbish bins have lids to prevent rubbish from blowing into waterways.
- 7) If there is a lot of rubbish in your local river, lake, stream start up a petition and give it to help your local authorities to take action. Start an action group at your school.





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- 8) Start up a clean up your neighbourhood group / day and get volunteers to help. Post signs around your neighbourhood.
- 9) Find out how your neighbourhood is equipped for recycling.
- 10) After discovering how your local authority is equipped for recycling tell your friends and family how they can discard their items appropriately. Make it a game between schools, get your waste authorities to assist you in a rubbish audit so you can measure how much your school reduces it's waste by recycling.
- 11) If your river or wetland needs planting- ask your local ranger to help you with planning a community or school planting day. Make it fun!
- 12) Do an animal survey (frogs, birds, minibeasts) of your wetland and use the findings to raise awareness in your local community
- 13) Ask your family and school if they can help create a nature walk around your local water way including signage, artwork and photographs about how to look after waterways.

