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Plastic pollution is harming our environment and biodiversity. Scientists estimate that there is over 150 million tonnes of plastic in the world's oceans today. If nothing changes, plastic in our oceans could weigh more than the fish that live in them by 2050.

Single-use plastic shopping bags are part of the problem, and have become integrated into our everyday lives. Globally we use up to 5 trillion of them each year. But there are now alternatives, and countries, states and cities around the world are phasing them out.

This is why New Zealand should join the movement to ban single use plastic bags.