

Pop-up cemetery for marine life lost to plastic



Photo from Positive Change for Marine Life Facebook page.

Activist group Positive Change for Marine Life joined with Ban The Bag NSW to stage a protest action at Byron Bay's Main Beach on Sunday. Participants built a pop-up cemetery draped in plastic bags in memory of 'the animals lost to plastic ingestion and entanglement'.

'There was a huge amount of interest in the pop-up cemetery we constructed,' says the group.

'We sent a strong message to premier Mike Baird and environment minister Rob Stokes, along with other pop-up cemeteries happening around the state, that it's time to ban the bag and ensure that we mitigate the devastating impacts that single-use plastic bags are having on millions of marine animals each year.'

Greens candidate Tamara Smith and Labor candidate Paul Spooner supported the action.

'With the ACT, South Australia, the Northern Territory and Tasmania supporting plastic bag bans it's time that NSW steps out of the dark ages and joins in banning these ecologically destructive items,' says Positive Change for Marine Life.

Sign the petition at bit.ly/premlob

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