

National Plastics Summit

Children of the Future

THE MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY HOSTED A BESPOKE NATIONAL PLASTICS STUDENT SUMMIT AS PART OF A JOINT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT.



More than a hundred students applied to be part of the Summit, answering questions as part of their application on why they were interested in sustainability and being part of a national approach to manage problematic and single-use plastics. Two representatives from each state and territory were chosen, specifically because of their passion and knowledge of the current challenges surrounding problematic and single-use plastics and their growing effects on the environment.

On March 2nd, 2020, I was lucky enough to be given the opportunity to attend the first National Plastic Summit to help tackle the issue of Australia's high plastic waste. Over the past 7 years, my passion for wildlife conservation and the environment has grown stronger, so I felt that was a great opportunity to share my passion, ideas and learn about all the work we can do.

Scott Morrison and Sussan Ley opened the Summit and our minds through powerful words regarding the problems that plastic has on our environment and how all Australians can change their ways to tackle the plastic crisis.

We all broke into groups to discuss our ideas and views on this issue, and helped create a new aspect of the school curriculum to spread the word on recycling and avoiding single use plastics.

We came back together for the closing speeches and announcements where companies pledged that they would reduce or eliminate plastic in their items. I was chosen to speak to Sussan Ley, and gifted her with all of the youth ideas on how we can create a better future for Australia.

Since the event, I have continued to spread the message on recycling and single-use plastic reduction through my scout group, school and on my social media Instagram account @isaacwildlifewarrior.

This experience was amazing and I would like to thank everyone who made this possible as it was an opportunity I will remember forever.

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