

## Cleaning and greening public space: streets, parks and carparks

This litter is not just an eyesore. Three-quarters of it is plastic and just 400 metres downstream, this drain discharges into the Canning River where its serious work of choking and poisoning riverine life begins. From there, it's on to the Swan River and Indian Ocean...



<http://ecowatch.com/2014/04/07/22-facts-plastic-pollution-10-things-can-do-about-it/>

### Facts about plastic waste

46 percent of plastics float and it can drift for years before eventually concentrating in the ocean gyres.

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is located in the North Pacific .. and is the largest ocean garbage site in the world. – twice the size of Texas. Plastic pieces outnumbering sea life six to one.

Enough plastic is thrown away each year to circle the earth four times.

Australians may be throwing 3 billion plastic away water bottles every year.

Annually approximately 500 billion plastic bags are used worldwide.

It takes 500-1,000 years for plastic to degrade.

There are not enough trees in the oceanic car park shown below, There are no bins in the Maddington Centro carpark either! And litter often blows on to adjacent streets. The City has the power to remedy these problems wherever they occur and it's not just Maddington Centro, I'm not sure why the will is lacking. **If I'm elected to Council, I'll look into it.**



**Maddington Centro Car Park**