

PLASTIC OCEANS: VIEWPOINTS WORKSHEET

There are different viewpoints on plastics.

1. Read the statement “The problem is marine litter, not plastics!” Do you agree or disagree?



2. Why or why not?

3. Mark on the continuum your view on the following statement:

“The problem is marine litter, not plastics!”

Strongly agree



Strongly disagree

4. List arguments for and against plastics (including its use in fishing gear)

Plastics ARE good because...

Plastics are NOT good because...

Agree or disagree? **The problem is marine litter, not plastics!**

Many in the packaging industry and sustainability space believe that demonising plastics in packaging and other applications [like fishing gear] is an emotional reaction to plastic pollution, and that the problem really should be framed as marine litter, not plastics overall.

(Davis, 2018)