



WASTE MANAGEMENT & POLLUTION School Awareness Program Honiara



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WHAT IS WASTE OR RUBBISH?

- Waste is anything/substance that has no use or value to the possessor or owner
- Waste is a sign of life. No waste, no life
- Most people don't value waste-that's why they throw it away

WHAT VALUES DO POOR WASTE MANAGEMENT AFFECT?

- Fun: Broken bottles lying on the ground cut our feet when we play
- Wealth: More waste means more money is spent to operate waste collection vehicles, clean up or operate the dump
- Happiness: Dirty, smelly places do not makes us happy, tourism will not enjoy a place that is dirty
- * Health: Litter catches rain & allows mosquitos to breed resulting in diseases like malaria & dengue fever











1. COSTS US MONEY (\$\$\$ for clean ups, waste collection, beautification, operation of landfill, etc



2. LANDFILLS NEED A LOT OF LAND



- 3. Health (improper waste management attract flies to homes and makes us sick)
- Harmful chemicals lasts/persists in the environment for a long time (persistent organic pollutants that is released intentionally /unintentionally)



4. Unpleasant sight (bad for tourism industry)



5. Threat to marine life species (turtles will die from eating plastic bags or get caught in drift nets in the sea,etc)



HOW CAN WE HELP TO ADDRESS WASTES?

- 1. REFUSE \rightarrow Say no Plastic bags/wise buying
- 2. REDUCE > Return organics back to Soil
- 3. REUSE \rightarrow Reuse Bottles to store water
- RECYCLE > Return & recycle cans/ Solbrew bottles
- Finally, what cannot be <u>reduce</u> through <u>composting</u>, <u>reused</u> and <u>recycled should be</u> <u>properly put into waste bin drum for disposal</u> <u>at Ranadi landfill/ waste pit.</u>



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