Some of the numbers about plastic waste in Australia

• Only one in ten Australians take their plastic bags for recycling.¹
• Only one out of 100 of plastic bags in Australia are reused.²
• Australia recycles only 36 in 100 PET plastic drink bottles.³
• Eight out of 25 pieces of plastic packaging are recycled, compared to exactly half of all glass, 18 out of 25 pieces of paper and 54% of metals.⁴
• 11% of household waste is plastic, 40 out of 100 of these are plastic bottles.⁵
• 40 out of 100 marine mammals have been affected by eating plastic.⁶
• When plastics break down in the ocean, they break into smaller and smaller pieces that can become as small as pieces of sand. 55% of the fish species we eat have microplastics in their stomachs.⁷

5. https://australianmuseum.net.au/blog-archive/science/interesting-plastic-facts/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIiw8r42b6d5glVAMxyPCh2XOw9pEAAYAyAAEglbevD_BwE