



Help keep our waterways litter free when fishing

A survey by Ocean Watch Australia on Australian beach debris attributed 14% of debris to commercial fishing and 8% to recreational fishing activities.

Items like bait bags and plastic bags, monofilament line, hooks, sinkers, food packaging, drink containers and cigarette butts have the potential, if not disposed of correctly, to cause significant harm to our marine and river environments.

- Keep a rubbish bin on board your boat and bring back what you take out. That means your bait bags, lunch wrappers and cans, as well as any snagged line and worn-out gear like old nets.
- Avoid disposables – pack food and bait in reusable containers, buy products without plastic packaging or remove packaging before you leave home.
- Retrieve litter thrown or blown overboard. Don't leave it to harm or kill an animal.
- Carry 'butt buckets' or personal ashtrays on board and ensure smokers know to use them.
- Always refuel on land, never discharge wastes, oil or sewage into the marine environment.
- If you see an injured marine mammal, bird or fish, report it to the RSPCA.

