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New Zealand Specialty Coffee Association
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Dear New Zealand Specialty Coffee Association

Thank you for your email on the 27 November addressing single use takeaway cups in New Zealand and sharing the results of your recent sustainability questionnaire. It is fantastic seeing companies come together to work towards a cleaner New Zealand.

Plastic packaging is of concern world-wide, and I acknowledge that other countries are addressing the environmental issues caused by plastic waste in different ways, including the introduction of new legislation and strict requirements for packaging companies. In New Zealand, the Government is currently looking into all the options to address our plastic waste problems including compliance of compostable packaging.

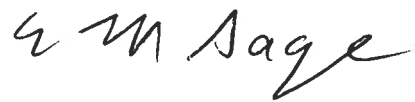
New Zealand's Waste Minimisation Act 2008 aims to reduce harm to our environment from waste. I am currently looking at opportunities to improve the Act's implementation. The Act enables a levy on waste to landfill, with funding from this levy distributed to local councils to promote waste minimisation in their areas. Each year the Government allocates around \$15 million to local councils for this purpose. Additionally, the Government has around \$13 million of contestable funding available annually through the Waste Minimisation Fund (WMF) for community groups, businesses, councils and other organisations to undertake waste minimisation projects.

For those companies that are unable to be serviced by commercial composting, I would recommend for them to get in touch with their local council to get the assistance they need.

If you are interested in making an application to the Waste Minimisation Fund, information is available on the Ministry for the Environment website (<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/waste-minimisation-fund/about-waste-minimisation-fund>) including the eligibility criteria. If you have any questions or would like

to discuss your application with an official, I would encourage you to contact the WMF team: wasteminimisationfund@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E M Sage". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hon Eugenie Sage
Associate Minister for the Environment