

KNOW YOUR LOCATION

COMMONWEALTH CLEAN OCEANS PLASTICS CAMPAIGN



Tides and Access

Review the site first, research the waterways in the area, the tides, access points and any safety notices. Multiple access points to the site is always preferable as tides can be fast and unpredictable, even when you know the tide times.

When visiting new places, take time to review safety notices. Find out what local signs and flags mean. Look out for potential hazards both on land and in the water and warn members of your group to avoid any risks.

Plastic Waste

Sadly almost every beach will have plastic pollution, but the amount will vary considerably depending on different conditions. Check your location beforehand to make sure that there is enough plastic waste there. Other groups may have covered that area recently and your groups time may be better spent elsewhere.



Permissions

Regulations and laws around access to waterfront sites can be varied and it is important to confirm that you are able to access your chosen site before your event.

Even some public sites may have certain restrictions around taking items from the riverbank or foreshore. Do not organise a pick-up event without confirming permissions from the relevant authority.



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