

Dear Xavier Bernat,

Our names are Luka and Lachie and we are 10 year old boys and we really like your lollies, you do a great job making them! We especially like the strawberry flavour Chupa Chups.

Last year Luka volunteered as part of a big beach clean-up with his scout group (<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/location/3RD-BEAUMARIS/>) and the BEACH PATROL (<https://www.beachpatrol.com.au/>) to clean up one of our favourite beaches. The beach is in Beaumaris on Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne in Australia. It is not just our home, but it is home to lots of wildlife around here like dolphins, seals, fish, little penguins, and beautiful seaweed and the occasional coral.

On this clean up my scout group found that there were more lolly pop sticks than cigarette butts on the beach! There were 854 sticks, we found this really disappointing!

We would like you to change the material of your lolly pop sticks to something more environmentally friendly!

You may think because we are 10 I don't have as much of a say, but don't be fooled, you will find we can be very persuasive and we want to convince you not to use plastic sticks in your lollies.

Our Primary school Beaumaris Primary, have a five star sustainable school rating. <https://www.beaups.vic.edu.au/>.

We are audited every year and even have a student led sustainability leadership team. We run program such as Nude food, Bin busters, Power rangers and have no bins in our school yard. We have a very clean school but it seems much of our area has lots of rubbish, we even found a chair in one of our play grounds.

We understand there is a lot of cleaning up to do and we thought we could start with you!

You are helping climate change on its mission to destroy all living things, take a moment to imagine a world with no life, imagine waking up in the morning and listening to the birds sing their songs, the next week...Silence!!!! No soothing bird songs or rustling in the trees of possums finding somewhere to stay for the day. Your Chupa Chup sticks are not helping!

You could imagine a lolly pop eater throwing carelessly away a Chupa Chups lolly stick and you would say that it is their fault! But you are the ones selling and making these yummy lollipops and in a way destructive products. Yet you still make them ☹️

Here is a picture of one of the horrible things that your Chupa Chups sticks are doing to the world, as we know it and there is plenty more where that came from.

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<https://www.facebook.com/ChupaChupsToStopPlasticSticks/posts>

We should not have to write this letter but here we are pleading for peace and our planet that we live on!

We beg for your help and ask you to step up and play your part in protecting our planet. From two Australian Protectors,

Yours sincerely, Lachie Duncan and Luka Sinclair

With help from Miss Redlich