



## Sustainability Statement of Commitment

### Biogone Landfill-Biodegradable Bags

Blessing Bags Melbourne is committed to pursuing a more sustainable and environmentally responsible approach to our mission of providing essential items to people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage. In light of our dedication to reducing our plastic waste and carbon footprint, we state our commitment to transitioning from the use of polyethylene ziplock bags to Biogone landfill-biodegradable resealable bags for use in our outreach programs.

We recognize the profound impacts of climate change on people facing homelessness and disadvantage. Climate change not only contributes to the emergence of homelessness through extreme weather events, cost of living increases, and resource scarcity, but also exacerbates the hardships endured by vulnerable people. By embracing eco-conscious products and practices, we aim to address this dual challenge.

The switch to Biogone bags represents a significant step forward in aligning our operations with eco-conscious principles. These bags are designed to biodegrade in landfills, reducing the persistence of non-biodegradable waste. Unlike many non-plastic bag options, they do not produce higher emissions during production than single-use polyethylene bags. Importantly, they offer the convenience and durability required to ensure the well-being and dignity of the community members we serve.

Blessing Bags Melbourne is excited to embark on this journey towards reducing plastic waste and embracing more sustainable practices, all while continuing to serve our community with the utmost compassion and care. Together, we can make a positive impact on both the lives of those we assist and the health of our planet.

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