The Next Generation of Biodegradable Plastics Ending Plastic Waste Symposium 2024 Dr Pete Cass

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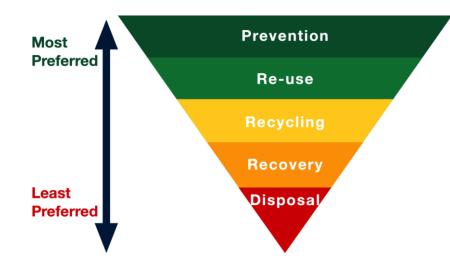
**Plastic without Pollution** 



# Options for Single Use Plastic End of Life?

## Value Proposition

- Using plastic waste as a valuable resource
- Conserving petroleum
- Reduction of green house gases











# **Options for Single Use Plastic End of Life?**

## Value Proposition

## **Preventing Plastic Pollution**

- Persistent plastic pollution
- Microplastics
- Animal and human health







Waste Management always will be ineffective at preventing plastic pollution

## Biodegradation

**Compostable Materials** 





# Why is there a marginal uptake of biodegradable plastics?

## **High Price**



### Mechanical Strength



Permeability



### **Biodegradation rate**



## **Enzide Technologies**

The next generation of biodegradable plastics



### Enzyme Additives for accelerated biodegradation of bioplastics

### Enzide enables an expanding new range of biodegradable plastic products

- Thicker stronger bioplastics -> rigid plastics
- Improved mechanical performance of flexible plastics
- Degradation in a range of real environments
- Improved barrier properties





# The next generation of biodegradable plastics



Enzide enhanced bioplastics



Rapid home compost degradation



Escape confinement





Enzymes disintegrate plastic fast at end of life

Mineralisation by microbes

No pollution, No microplastics



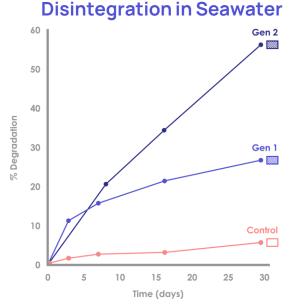
# Enzyme additive melt processed into commodity bioplastics to accelerate their degradation

### **Enzide's Masterbatch Additive**

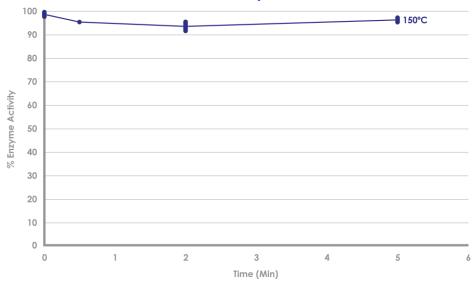


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## **Enzide's Performance**



### Additive Thermal Stability



### **Fast Degradation**

- 20x disintegration rate
- Most commercial bioplastics
- Seawater, freshwater and home compost

### **High Thermal Stability**

- A robust product = quality assurance
- Enables re-grinding
- Multiple manufacturing entry points
  - Compounding Moulding

# **Ongoing activities**

## **Research & Development**

### **Enzyme engineering**

Performance improvement with multiple bioplastics Fermentation optimization

#### Additive development

Thermal protection, dispersion, microenvironment manipulation

#### Product development with partners

Improved flexible films and packaging Rigid packaging and utensils Agriculture and aquaculture

### University R&D

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