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It's important to get recycling right, but in the long run we have to drastically reduce our use of plastic. Here are three high-volume uses that seem to have slipped under the radar:

- Hay bales - hectares of them are visible in paddocks now, most wrapped in plastic.
- Plastic wrapping for transport – you can see all sorts of items from white goods to building materials on the back of utes and trucks.
- Plastic tree guards – at best they end up in landfill, but they are often forgotten and litter the environment for years.

We need to develop alternatives to these uses of plastic and then ban them.

And a pernicious new habit is using duct tape to secure ladders and materials onto the back of the ute instead of tying them on. The duct tape often ends up on the street.

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