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Title: Intoxicated actions



Caption:

This photo draws on the issue at my local beach in Te Atatū, where beer bottles, cans and plastic bottles were found scattered carelessly. They were not only found bestrewn along the swamps where Pukeko inhabited but also numerous cans and glass bottle were also seen inside the nearby ponds where ducks, fish find food, and in some seasons, tadpoles grow. This is unacceptable behaviour from people who momentarily enjoy the environment of the beach whilst drinking alcohol and forget about all the wildlife that permanently reside here. More signage and enforcement against littering, especially around beaches would be of great benefit.

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The littering of alcohol bottles, cans and packaging which was found on the beach abuses the natural habitat and puts the biodiversity at risk. If the consumers fail to respect the environment, there should be more action from the local councils to enforce protection of the wildlife at beaches. Glass bottles and the caps and aluminium cans pose a risk to small fish and tadpoles to get trapped in and disrupts the beauty of New Zealand's environment.