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BioPak team up with Qantas to launch world's first zerowaste flight

Australia's leading eco-friendly packaging company **BioPak** has soared to new heights by launching the **world's first ever zero-waste flight** with Australian airline, **Qantas Group**.

Flying from Sydney to Adelaide earlier today, the ground-breaking flight is part of the most ambitious environmental push by any airline, with BioPak at the helm in trialling this major zero-waste initiative.

BioPak's certified compostable packaging will be commercially composted in Adelaide and replace a range of single-use plastics and disposable food packaging items on the flight.

"We are delighted to team up with Qantas Group in what is an unprecedented step forward in fighting the war on waste," BioPak CEO **Gary Smith** said.

"This is the most ambitious waste reduction target of any major airline globally, and we are truly excited to be at the forefront in providing state-of-the-art, eco-friendly products that solve the impending issue of single-use plastics.

"Innovation is at the heart of what we do. For more than a decade we have been working with companies across Australia and NZ to provide a viable solution to our current waste crisis, and it is wonderful to see Qantas Group join our ever-expanding network."

"We want to give customers the same level of service they currently enjoy, but without the amount of waste that comes with it," Qantas Domestic CEO **Andrew David** said.

BioPak packaging is made from plants, using a range of renewable materials that are responsibly sourced. Their sustainable, innovative and certified compostable packaging solutions are designed for a circular economy where there is no waste.

In 2018, BioPak launched Australia's first national composting collection service, transforming organic food waste and packaging into soil and supporting the growing movement for a circular economy.

For more information on BioPak and the range of products that were used on the zerowaste flight, <u>please click here</u>.

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