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RE: INQUIRY INTO THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AMENDMENT (BANNING PLASTIC BAGS, PACKAGING AND MICROBEADS) BILL 2016

Plastic bag reform

In Sweden, where I come from, a law was passed in early 80:s to stop supermarkets and other food stores to hand out free plastic bags to every buyer.

You can still buy bags there. Plastic or paper. But the law has led to most people now bringing their own bags or use one bag several times. So there is much less plastic bags littering the streets and water drains. There are also recycle bins for plastic bags.

Such laws are in many countries now and has to come to Australia too. And the sooner the better. Victoria can play as good role in leading to that.

Businesses always say no to change. But they soon adapt and perhaps also make money on it.

-- Lars Lindahl, [REDACTED]

I'm happy for my submission and details to be made public.