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To the Committee.

I have lived for 5 years in Alice Springs and they have a no plastic disposal bag policy. The supermarkets offered a thicker bag at a cost and yet these are blowing around the countryside, polluting and causing environmental damage.

I would propose a complete ban on single use plastic bags, thicker bags and also the use of micro plastics in products.

There are many materials available for the making of bags which present less or nil environmental damage to wildlife. Micro plastics have not been used for long and so could be eliminated from the production cycle.

In the absence of a complete ban; it could be made mandatory that all bags be manufactured of materials that are quick to degrade, or made from paper.

It is time to consider a HIGH tax on plastic, all plastics levied at the point of production in making the pellets for the forming process, blow moulding, injection moulding etc.

This revenue could be used to offset the costs of landfill, recovery of plastic wastes and nano particle pollution; combined with a deposit scheme for drink bottles or all products people would be more likely to recycle plastics.

On a side note, I firmly believe that ALL products should have a recycle price built in when they are purchased to cover the costs of recycling, such as TVs, Electronic devices and white goods.

Thank you for allowing me to make a submission to you and hopefully you can make a correct decision to eliminate single use plastics forever.

John Pittard.

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