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To: LCLC
Subject: Inquiry into Banning Plastic Bags and other harmful Plastic Products

I was born in Canberra and have seen first hand how readily achievable this change can be IN AUSTRALIA. You have nothing to fear...honestly who can possibly be negatively impacted by avoiding having to dispose of thousands of plastic bags via municipal waste every year!

I work on the boards of a number of companies contributing to sustainable outcomes across infrastructure, building upgrades, impact investing and local government initiatives. Your government will be admired for years for pushing this change. We have to start at the grass roots level to achieve real environmental change and benefits...please be a leader, not a politically correct paranoid scared of taking a stance that some noisy m,minority takes issue with.

I have surfed for over 30 years and fished in our estuaries for 15 years and have witnessed 1st hand so many times the damage of plastics draining into our waterways. The evidence of plastics being found inside and choking sealife makes me sick - THSI IS PREVENTABLE!

Does anyone complain that ALDI forces them to bring their own bags. Human behaviour changes quickly, PARTICULARLY when we know where and how it is doing good. Be a good communicator of the reasons for your policy change and many many people will applaud you very very loudly!

I fully support :

- states and territories in banning the use of single-use lightweight plastic bags.
- a ban on the importation and production of personal care products containing microbeads.
- a ban on all single-use HDPE bags up to 70 microns.
- An effective penalty and resourced compliance regime.

It's time for our State political leaders to act and pass The Environment Protection Amendment (Banning Plastic Bags, Packaging and Microbeads) Bill 2016.

PLEASE JUST DO SOMETHING - this is not ground breaking policy but it is supporting the very great policy already in place elsewhere.

I have lived in Victoria for 18 years and with your help (AND BY SHOWING ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP) our amenity in this state will only improve further, plus our waterways will only get better.

In anticipation....

regards

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