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I visited Hamburg, Germany in 1990. I was impressed by the measures in place there all that time ago to deal with rubbish.

Spherical, labelled steel bins were positioned strategically in streets for people to deposit, separately, green glass, brown glass, clear glass, aluminium cans, plastic cups & bottles, paper and cardboard.

In the supermarkets people brought with them their own bags and folded boxes which they re-used and carried around in their car boots. Visitors like us who had no bags had to leave the check out and go back to the far end of the store to get a bag which had to be paid for.

There were no plastic bags at the checkouts. This is 26 years ago, and they weren't new even then.

We could do well to emulate this practice. We could ban single-use plastic bags easily and a government that had the will to do it would be praised.

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

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