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

All we will have left is plastic

It is windy today, which is great because I know my washing will get dry, but I also know that plastic will be moving. Plastic bags caught in fences, trees and waterways. Where does the plastic bags come from? Overflowing rubbish bins, municipal tips and careless people. I do not want to see this waste decorating my environment. I do not want wildlife to die a senseless death. Plastic is forever in our foodchains.

We can stop this now. We can stop this by banning plastic bags. We can stop this by not producing plastic bags. Plastic microbeads - where to start? When I learnt that some of my personal cleaning products contained plastic I was outraged. So I researched my products. I researched what becomes of these microbeads. Of course they become part of the greater foodweb. Becoming what the industry call "nurdles", these tiny beads combine and swirl in our waterways, consumed by invertebrates and smaller fish, and so on. At a restaurant, mif the wait staff asked, "Do you want plastic with that?", you would say of course not. But we have no choice now. It is in the fish we eat.

We have a choice.

Say NO to plastic bags.

Say NO to plastic microbeads.

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