

From: Penelope Johns [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 18 October 2016 10:46 AM
To: LCLC
Subject: Outlaw Plastic Bags

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

Outlaw Plastic Bags

I ask that plastic bag use in Victoria be outlawed.

Recycling and education have not worked with only 3% of plastic bags being recycled.

UN report states that over 600 species of marine life including birds, mammals, cetaceans and turtles are severely affected by marine debris.

Australia consumes 9 billion plastic bags per annum equal to more that 36,000 tonnes.

I have worked closely with migrating shorebirds for 25 years with the Victorian Wader Study Group and the Australasian Wader Studies Group and have seen damage to shorebirds at first hand.

We must do something immediately to remove this threat.

-- Penelope Johns, [REDACTED]

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