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To: LCLC
Subject: Ms

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

Ms

Plastic bags are absolutely not needed. Billions are used every year in Australia. They are made of non-renewable resources. Even if they break down they never completely disappear but are only broken down into smaller pieces which are so frequently swallowed by marine life with disastrous consequences -turtles, birds, penguins, dolphins etc. I always refuse bags at the supermarket but find the assistant has automatically started to put my purchases in a bag and I have to repeatedly refuse. I see some people leaving the place with about 16 or so in a trolley. Other countries have managed to ban them why not Vic? Australia.? People can be trained and a long time ago rubbish was wrapped up in newspaper. Those who have a garden can make organic material into compost. If it goes to a tip it only gives off methane.

Also containers - manufacturers in Victoria have always resisted having a scheme like S.A. which has had a successful scheme for decades and some councils report incomes up to \$90,000 from containers in kerbside bins. There used to be containers for plastic bottles and tins at petrol stations.

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