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To: LCLC
Subject: Ban Plastic Bags and Micro Beads NOW!

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

Ban Plastic Bags and Micro Beads NOW!

I am very greatly concerned by the huge amount of waster plastic in our environment and our oceans and firmly believe the time has come when we MUST ban plastic bags and microbeads. I am on the Sea Shepherd website every day and the images of whales dead of starvation because they have ingested so much plastic, turtles and dolphins bound and killed by plastic bags. Seabirds full of plastic and microbeads. It is estimated that by 2048 there will be more plastic than fish or marine life in the sea. he United Nations says that more than 663 species (including whales, seals, dugong, seabirds, turtles, and coral) are affected by marine debris.

Recycling of plastic bags has not worked - Clean Up Australia research shows that only 3% of plastic bags are recycled.

We are at crisis point NOW. Micro beads are SO unnecessary to our society - they must be banned immediately. Plastic bags must be phased out in six months. Our environment and wildlife cannot wait for someone else to make this vital decision for their existence.

Please - you have the power to do so much good for our environment - take a stand now to CLEAN UP VICTORIA!

-- Susan Buckland, [REDACTED]

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