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

Plastic bags

It is time to make an end to the flagrant waste that giving out plastic bags with purchases makes and the damage it does wildlife in our creeks, rivers and sea. On holiday in 1983 in London I found my local supermarket in working class Shepherd's Bush required payment for heavyweight plastic bags that would last for months. Light bags were not provided and so a diverse population learned to bring their own canvas bags, pop their shopping in their backpack or 'bite the bullet' and purchase a re-usable plastic bag. My observation was that this was resorted to by one in five shoppers at most. They were mostly non-locals.

Behavior change can be a means of community empowerment and a source of pleasure for individuals in identifying with a shared goal. Rather than an impost on shoppers, presented with an effective campaign (Don't be a Water Wally; Slip, Slop, Slap), removing plastic bags can be something that makes people proud to be a Victorian and identify more closely with future developments in more sustainable approaches to managing our natural environment.

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