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

PIASTIC POLUTION

I would like to make a submission in favour of the banning of the use of plastic bags. Living in a coastal area I am very aware of the fragility of our coast, its waters and its wildlife. Victoria has some of the most beautiful coastline in Australia and we need to protect its every aspect.

I also spent many years living in Central Victoria where bushland and inland plains are also under threat. Both areas suffer from the destructive effects of plastic bags.

It is not difficult to change from plastic bags to reusable bags. Many of us already do so. Plastic bags have been banned from many countries and I support legislation that bans their use in Victoria.

-- Gerarda van Hamond, [REDACTED]

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