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

Victoria - the place that's lagging behind

To the entire Victorian parliament,

Why is the state of Victoria lagging so far behind other states and even territories in the effort to reduce the amount of toxic and damaging plastic littering our beaches, killing marine life and clogging up the oceans? When I visit my family in Canberra, it is so heartening to see person after person moving through the supermarket checkouts armed with reusable bags. In stark contrast, a trip to our local supermarkets in South Melbourne is downright depressing: an endless parade of shopping trolleys piled high with unnecessary plastic bags. Sometimes these plastic carry bags are used for one item only. Many are probably used only for the trip home, where they will be emptied and thrown out straight away. A large proportion must be thrown away, as it would be impossible to re-use all those bags I see heading out the supermarket doors on every visit. It's wrong!

I use reusable bags whenever I make a planned shopping trip. For unplanned detours into the supermarket, I would be more than happy to pay a small sum to buy another re-usable bag or two to transport my purchases. After all, they will always come in handy. I witness happy Canberrans going about their day to day lives unfazed and uncomplaining, without the free, plastic shopping bag. If they can do it, so can we!

Please take the step of legislating to phase out plastic bags and microbeads in this, our beautiful state of Victoria. The impact will be felt way beyond our beaches and shores. It's not that hard a lifestyle change. Our planet's health and the wellbeing of our children depend on it!

-- Lynda Moore, [REDACTED]

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