

**From:** Sarah Curnow [REDACTED]  
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**To:** LCLC  
**Subject:** Please ban plastic bags

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

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My name is Sarah Curnow and I am a paediatric doctor working at the Royal Children's Hospital in Parkville.

I am passionate about reducing waste & pollution as this is essential for the health & wellbeing of future generations. Plastic bags are incredibly wasteful. Most often, they are used once and then thrown away. Research shows that only 3 per cent of plastic bags are recycled. Instead, they end up in our waterways, threatening many marine species, or contributing to the huge excess of landfill we have building up.

Banning plastic bags from supermarkets and shopping centres would make a huge difference and contribution to ending these problems. Using reusable rather than disposable bags is a very simple and easy solution.

We must make changes to ensure the health and wellbeing of this planet into the future. We must protect the generations that will come after us.

I urge you to act swiftly and decisively to ban the use of plastic bags in Victoria.

-- Sarah Curnow, [REDACTED]

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