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

Plastic Free foreshore and sea

I address not only the Victorian inquiry but also every member of Parliament. I have been a member of Frankston Beach Association for over thirty years and have experienced the ravages of plastic pollution on the foreshore and when sailing (now in the past) in the sea. I applaud the Greens for initiating this inquiry.

Our association works on the foreshore revegetating the dunes as well as removing plastic and other rubbish and experience just how much pollution exists on the coastline. Estimates from the CSIRO are appalling and on this report alone - plastic and other items should be banned. We now have a group collecting microbeads. These are very harmful for native fauna and when graduating into the water are very harmful to marine animals.

All the statistics listed as key facts, in this plastic free notice, illustrate action is urgently required. There should be a national government inquiry. I am grateful that the Victorian Government will support this action.

-- Kathleen Hassell, [REDACTED]

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