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Hello,

I am 100% in support of the plastic bag ban and thank you for taking action on this. As someone who regularly participates in city and beach clean-ups, I'm highly concerned about the amount of plastic in our oceans, beaches, streets, parks and landfills. I am a mechanical engineer working on WA's first PET plastic recycling plant, so I have done a lot of research into the plastic waste problem we have in Western Australia.

I haven't used a plastic bag in over a year so the ban will not affect the way I shop (aside from the fact that it will be a happier experience for me, not seeing plastic bags everywhere).

I highly support a ban (or levy) on thicker plastic bags in the future. I also support a ban on 'biodegradable and compostable' plastic bags that do not actually break down unless they are in an industrial composting facility (in which most of these do not end up).

I also support a ban on barrier bags for fresh produce to be implemented in the near future, as these also produce a huge amount of waste.

At the moment, people use these bags for things like oranges, bananas, lemons i.e. fruit and vegetables with thick skins that do not need a bag at all. I think a reasonable alternative is for stores to sell reusable produce bags (like those sold by Onya [REDACTED] to encourage customers to bring their own produce bags so they can use them for smaller items such as grapes, loose leaf vegetables, herbs etc. For customers who forget produce bags, the store can supply paper bags (like those typically used for mushrooms).

I also would support a ban (or at least a levy) on all single-use plastic, such as straws (as some businesses in Perth have already done), cups, and plastic cutlery. There are reusable (or biodegradable, i.e. wooden cutlery) alternatives for these. I realise that this would cause a big change in the way businesses operate, however with the right amount of support and education, it is possible.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to comment on your discussion paper, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind Regards  
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