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I have filled in the online survey but wish to make further comment.

- I believe that unless a significant charge is made for the thicker plastic bags that are to be introduced in place of single use bags, it will be a retrograde step. There should be a **mandatory charge of at least 50c** per bag to discourage people from using them and to encourage them to use green bags, cloth bags or some other durable shopping bag. The charge should be reviewed annually and raised if it is not deterring people from using them. The aim should be to get rid of **all** plastic shopping bags.
- The money from the sale of plastic bags should be collected by government and used to support research into ways other recycled plastic products can be used and education on the problems caused by waste plastic in our environment.

I was unable to attend the workshop in Bunbury on 15 February. I read all the local weekly newspapers in this area (Bunbury Herald, Bunbury Mail and South Western Times) and I saw the workshop mentioned once in a small article. If you really wanted to engage the public it should have been advertised more widely in the local press.

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