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To Whom It May Concern,

The National Retail Association (NRA) took a question on notice from the parliamentary committee on July 12, 2017.

By way of reply we wish to expand on the elements of the submission in question;

The cost obviously has a flow-on effect for industry, with decreased demand for products because consumers can no longer afford them or they will purchase reduced quantities.

A significant decrease in demand could damage the beverage industry with a lack of certainty for stakeholders to invest in the future and could even lead to an increase in unemployment. Additionally, business will be required to make a significant investment in systems to track and monitor products and comply with the Scheme.

In answer to the Question posed, "Has there been any evidence that your organisation has gathered to that statement from experience in other jurisdictions. ?

The NRA has no evidence for the parliamentary committee.

NRA supports the Queensland Government's decision to ban the use of lightweight plastic shopping bags and is also supportive of the aim of reducing the impact of drink container litter on our natural environment with a CRS.

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Yours faithfully,

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