

Agriculture and Environment Committee

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I wish to make the following submission regarding the Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Bill 2017:

I support the proposed amendments especially:

- The introduction of a statewide container refund scheme
 - This will enable reduced waste, improved recycling and less waste especially plastic runoff into waterways and oceans. There is evidence from South Australia and more recently NT to support this.
- a ban on the supply of lightweight plastic shopping bags in Queensland. This will enable less plastic in landfills, reduced plastic litter and importantly less plastic runoff into waterways and oceans. Again there is evidence from those jurisdictions that have undertaken such a ban of these benefits.

There are no economic reasons against these proposals and hence no justification for not proceeding with these measures. Those arguing against do so from a vested interest point of view (ie industry), or a difficulty in adjusting to appropriate change, influenced by industry marketing.

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