Agriculture and Environment Committee

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To Secretary, Agriculture and Environment Committee

I would like to express my support for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Bill 2017. As a resident of Mackay, keen fisherman and regular beach goer, I am often dismayed by the amount of plastic I find in our waterways and washed up on our beaches. During many years of participation in Clean up Australia Day campaigns on our local coastline, the bulk of rubbish is plastic, in particular plastic drink bottles and containers. I believe a plastic container recycling scheme will go a long way towards reducing the number of plastic containers thrown to waste.

I also support the lightweight plastic shopping bag ban but please make sure that vendors cannot bypass the intention of the Bill by finding loopholes like providing slightly heavier plastic bags – as shown recently on the ABC's War on Waste.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Friswell