

Agriculture and Environment Committee

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Dear Members of Queensland Parliament,

I urge you to vote in favour of container deposit legislation and to ban single use plastic bags.

I am an independent citizen who participates in many community-initiated environment protection and clean-up groups. One of my involvements - ecobarge clean seas - regularly involves trips to Whitsunday Islands and beaches where we routinely pick up tonnes of plastic and glass bottles and other plastic debris. Be sure that there is greater awareness among the population than you think - about the destruction of our environment - caused by careless citizens, overpopulation and a failure of governments to arrest these things and conserve habitats and manage climate change. Off topic, but by the way, I regularly find coal on Cannonvale Beach, so myself and everyone I show it to is also under no illusion about the already destructive practices of Adani and environmental vandalism at Abbott Point, which you are encouraging, so surely passing a few community-onus initiatives should not be beyond your capabilities.

Witness the massive pollution being wrought in the Mediterranean caused by corruption, inadequate garbage management systems and the influx of millions of new immigrants fleeing war and economic dissatisfaction to see where we are headed. In Queensland we are heading down the ridiculous infinite growth/population ponzi route and seas will soon be full of plastic and rubbish too unless protective measures are taken and our representatives take action.

Management requires action and moves such as container deposit legislation and banning plastic bags are small actions which cost nothing but will mitigate the crisis we are ignoring in our own environment in Queensland.

Yours faithfully,
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