

SUBMISSION RE: THE PROPOSED WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING
AMENDMENT BILL 2017

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I am encouraged by and fully support the intention of the proposed Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Bill 2017.

The objectives of the Bill are to: • provide a head of power for the introduction of a: • lightweight plastic shopping bag ban; • container refund scheme for Queensland;

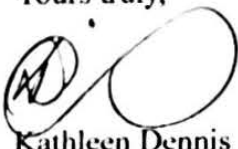
Many natural resources are used in the production of plastic bags and containers and the hazard that these items become when thrown out in either landfill or into the natural environment needs to be addressed at a local and global level.

Firstly, I strongly agree with the ban of lightweight plastic bags but would also strongly suggest the ban on all plastic bags. All plastic bags use natural resources, do not break down completely and cause pollution in the waterways and a health hazard for many birds and animals. Our family has used reusable shopping bags made from cloth for many years and there is no inconvenience to us or the environment.

Secondly, having a container refund scheme will certainly help in encouraging the recycling of containers, therefore saving natural resources and reducing the amount of landfill needed. A definite environmental and economic benefit to Queensland. Manufacturers, who use containers for their product, taking responsibility for the reuse or recycling of these containers is essential to ensure that single use packaging is not the norm. Many items that are now found as rubbish along our roadways and parks would be able to be returned to be recycled, thus 'keeping Australia beautiful'.

Our children, wildlife and environment demand that we look after our planet, and I, as a parent, am hopeful that this bill will be the beginning of a smart, sustainable society.

Yours truly,



Kathleen Dennis

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