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Ban ALL Plastic Bags

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Hi

I fully support the banning of light weight, single use plastic bags by supermarkets. However, as reported by the recent War Against Waste program on ABC, it was reported that in Tasmania, light weight plastic bags have been replaced by heavier plastic bags, which are thrown out after a single use. Light weight bags take a long time to decompose so these heavier weight bags will take even longer. Obviously the Tasmanian experience will be duplicated in WA.

Bunnings has stopped providing any plastic bags for years. If they can do it, and their customers have got used to it, so can the supermarkets and any other store currently in the habit of providing plastic bags. The proposed WA legislation does not go far enough. ALL plastic bags should be banned. Customers would soon get used to the idea and go shopping with their own multi - use, biodegradable bags, or obtain biodegradable bags provided by the supermarket / store.

As a retired person, I can remember, as a child, going to the grocer's shop with a shopping basket. Plastic has been promoted by the oil companies and its use taken up thoughtlessly and obediently by all populations. If we are going to take steps to save future generations from our carelessness, we should take effective action now. Let WA be the first state to set this example.

Cheers

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