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Mr Mike Rowe  
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Department of Water and Environmental Regulation  
Plastic Bag Ban  
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Department of Water and  
Environmental Regulation

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DIV/Officer Mike Rowe

Dear Mr Rowe

**IMPLEMENTING A LIGHTWEIGHT SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAG BAN IN WA-  
CITY OF JOONDALUP SUBMISSION**

The City of Joondalup (the City) thanks the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed state-wide ban on lightweight plastic bags.

The City recognises that a state-wide ban is the preferred approach of the majority of local governments in Western Australia as evidenced by the consultation undertaken by the Western Australian Local Government Association.

Whilst the City does not have a formal position on whether a ban should be introduced, the City does support the implementation of state wide initiatives as the primary measure for reducing plastic pollution within the environment.

The City believes that any approach taken by the State Government should be coupled with secondary measures such as community education. If a ban is implemented the provision of community education initiatives should complement the ban to ensure suppliers, businesses and consumers are aware of the reasons behind the ban and options available as alternatives to plastic bags. Inclusion of information regarding other types of plastic waste could also be included in a State Government education program.

If you would like further information regarding the City's feedback please contact Rebecca Maccario, Environmental Development Coordinator, on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

**DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY**