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Hi, I believe I've already put something in regarding this proposed ban, but just in case I haven't I'd really like to be notified regarding the outcome.

In brief my opinion is:

The ban on plastic bags does not go nearly far enough. Allowing some stores to continue using disposable plastic carry bags does not send a clear message. Neither does allowing heavier (reusable) plastic bags. It does not take an expert study to see that allowing stores to give out heavier plastic bags for free will simply switch a large proportion of the disposed plastic bags from light weight to heavy weight, people will not reuse them. Better options would be to ban plastic bags outright since there are alternatives such as cardboard boxes, paper bags, compostable corn starch bags and fabric bags and include such carry bags in the container deposit scheme.

It is also a concern that the ban does nothing to address the enormous amount of single use plastic in the takeaway food industry. Compostable alternatives for packaging takeaway food are readily available due to the pioneering efforts of various festivals such as Fairbridge Festival who require food vendors to only supply compostable containers and cutlery. Single use plastic takeaway containers should be included in the plastic bag ban due to this readily available alternative.

I would also like to see a ban on unnecessary plastic packaging. The number of goods which are encased in plastic for no purpose other than advertising has risen dramatically particularly amongst computer, entertainment and office goods.

A ban should also be applied to single use Styrofoam such as packaging, since there are far more environmentally friendly alternatives such as cardboard and, while not ideal since it is a single use plastic, air cushion packaging is a preferable alternative to Styrofoam.

Sincerely
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