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To: Plastic Bag Ban
Cc: Simone Howard
Subject: City of Belmont- Feedback to "Implementing a Lightweight single-use plastic bag ban in WA"- Discussion Paper

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to provide feedback on the above Discussion Paper and the proposals therein.

I would like to provide the following comments on behalf of the City:-

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- Option 1 "Status Quo"- not supported. Clearly not an acceptable option
- Option 2 "Statewide Ban" – supported
- Option 3 "Plastic Ban levy"- not supported.
As mentioned later customers become "immune" to it and would require ongoing increases.
Onerous to collect.
All of levy money should go back into waste and recycling initiatives. Unfortunately based on the current use of the waste levy I have no confidence it would not just become another general revenue stream for State Government.
- Option 4 "Voluntary"- not supported. Only forced change will provide a level playing field for all retailers.
- Option 5 "Education"- not supported. Like voluntary it would only be done when not inconvenient or not costing.

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- Would not have figures that reflected the amount of bags entering waste stream or as contamination in recyclables stream. I don't think the savings in weight (ie, disposal to landfill) would be significant overall. Clearly if there were any savings these would be to the benefit of ratepayers.

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- For consistency with other States, to avoid confusion and because studies have shown there is no significant impact difference between all bag types on wildlife, they should all be included in the ban

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- While it has been proposed that DWER will administer the new Regs and be responsible for enforcing the ban, to do this WA wide with their limited number of officers would seem impractical.
At the same time it should not become a responsibility of LGs however I would raise concern for the previous reason this may occur.

Other comments

- Infringements should be part of any enforcement tool for DWER to allow first time offenders a small penalty as opposed to initial prosecution.

In summary the City supports a Statewide Ban- Option 2.

Regards,

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