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Thank you for the opportunity to give my opinion.

I am completely in favour of the bag ban which comes in July 1st. I wish it would also include a ban on heavier (reusable) bags, dog waste bags, nappy bags or produce (barrier) bags. If these items can't be included now, then a plan to phase them out in the next couple of years would be wonderful.

I would also like to see the Redcycle bins, for collecting soft plastics, available in regional areas such as ours. I understand it is a private business and has to plan sensibly to maintain a profit and stay viable, but maybe some government support would be worthwhile. In Broome, if we just had a way to get the soft plastics to the nearest drop off point we could start recycling those.

Locally, we are talking to the shopping centres and both have agreed to have an area where we could recycle cardboard boxes and all kinds of used/donated shopping bags so people who have forgotten theirs don't have to buy another one.

Personally, I have 2 compost bins, and a worm farm and find it quite easy to minimise waste. It is just a matter of habit. Most people are lazy (I'm including myself here!) and, once the system changes, they will quickly adapt. If the system doesn't change they will stay in the old comfortable rut.

Education in the schools is key-the kids figure it out and have a clearer perspective than us olds who are saddled with our prejudices and preconceptions. They will make the big changes but we have to push ourselves to clean up now so we don't leave an insurmountable mess for the next generation.

Be brave! Go hard! Make the tough choices!

Cheers

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