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**To:** Plastic Bag Ban  
**Subject:** Plastic Ban WA Submission

Dear Manager,

On “Clean Up Australia Day” I went down to the Swan River in East Fremantle with “Sea Shepherd Marine Debris Cleanup” there was 20-30 people (this was a very small clean up, most are around 80-100 people) gave their own free time to cleaning up the water, sand and the plants along side the river.

After 3 hours of my time on a Sunday I picked up a whole range of waste, predominantly plastic waste. I carefully pulled plastic bags out of tree root systems, took them from being weaved around bushes and leaves or simply just covered in sand on the beach. I needed to do this carefully otherwise they would just burst into a million pieces making it extremely difficult to clean up this hell.

Plastic is one of the biggest mistakes humans have fortified and yet everywhere you look there are plastic bags. Covering our food, our clothes, our technology, our furniture, our everything. It is completely unnecessary. Humans are smart creatures, we certainly have the ability to create a product so simple to just cover something. We already have cloth bags, if people forget their cloth bag, bring back paper bags. I would much rather see people planting trees to grow MORE trees than seeing plastic bags floating in the ocean and I believe millions would agree.

Whoever is reading this text, think about this – every single piece of plastic that has been created is still around today. It will out live you, your children, your grandchildren and your great grandchildren. All throughout those hundreds of years of it breaking down, polluting as it does animals will consume the bags killing them and wreaking havoc on the ecosystem; turtles can't tell the difference between a jellyfish and a plastic bag. Is all of this really worth half an hour of carrying a few grocery item? Of course not, the notion is completely illogical.

Would you really want to keep this monstrosity that is so damaging to our ecosystem (HINT we are apart of this ecosystem) so readily available everywhere you turn?

I understand there are people profiting off of mining oil, selling oil, creating plastic bags and a ban would effect them just think – if the world is driven by money and forgets about taking care of the environment...where are all these rich [REDACTED] going to holiday to when they take leave? Great Barrier Reef? Nope, that will be polluted and gone one day if nothing changes.

Ban all plastic bags, this is the beginning of the end for plastic.

I refuse to bring my future children and grandchildren into a world that is covered in plastic, before those people exist, this [REDACTED] better be sorted.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter,

Olivia Quinn, [REDACTED]

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