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Hello

Please find below some key points I consider relevant for enforcing a ban on lightweight plastic bags

1. I support the proposed ban of all lightweight plastic bags including degradable, biodegradable and compostable carry bags. The degradation process is not always optimal and the bags may continue in the environment for sometime causing pollution and litter issues.
2. I support the Education Program to use long lasting alternatives rather than single use paper or some multi- use thicker plastic. Keeping materials in circulation as long as possible is important for material conservation.
3. The Education program and alternatives on offer should be -'convenient' as possible. A lightweight plastic bag is a hard gig to follow. There needs to be a small easy to store in hand or carry bag alternatives. They must be strong and easily repairable. Alternatives should be of recyclable material not combinations of materials so making it difficult to 'dispose of' when necessary.
4. The Education program should encourage alternatives for other kinds of plastic options at the same time to discourage a switch to different plastic solutions. (e.g. thicker plastic bags, or purchase of bin liners, produce bag alternatives)
5. Education Promotion of the ban should focus on the benefits of the ban not the penalties for using bags. Make it fun, funny, easy, desirable and socially normal.

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