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I have completed the on-line survey.

I notice that one of your first questions is whether we support a light-weight plastic bag ban. In this question there is no opportunity to say that you don't support a heavy-weight plastic bag ban. I believe that the 94% of people who support a plastic bag shopping ban would believe that it was a ban on all NOT bringing in a heavier one!! This won't change people's behaviour at all. I dare say that it is a response to the demands of the producers of plastic. As if they haven't had enough of a go for the last 60+ years! If people really need a plastic bag let them pay a large amount to purchase one – say at least \$2 each and if this doesn't work make it \$5. For those people who have 15-20 in their shopping trolley they might begin to see the cost to themselves, not to mention the cost to the earth!

I believe that the question re Voluntary Agreements with Retailers is ambiguous. Does this mean they agree to stop giving out plastic bags or agree to give up handing out below 35 micron and go onto above 35 micron? Is a whale or the mountain of rubbish in the oceans going to think "oh, it's ok, I'll ingest this, or add this to my zillions, because it's above 45 micron"? It is obvious that we are pandering to manufacturers. They must be laughing all the way to the bank.

I believe it should have been done all in one hit. People have to learn to keep a carton in the car and take their purchases out in a shopping trolley or take their own bag. Once they forget a couple of times they are sure to learn after a short time when no plastic bag is available.

Apart from the pollution it should be remembered that plastic comes from oil – are we going to use up all this finite resources in a couple of generations on such a product that can easily be replaced.

Thank you.

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