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**PLASTIC BAG BAN SUBMISSION
GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

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Dear Minister

Millennium Kids were very excited to hear about the Plastic Bag Ban. Waste has been a major issue for young people since our inception in 1996. We have attached Millennium Kids Youth Challenges on the Environment for 2000 and 2001, which specifically refer to youth concerns about waste and plastic bags.

In 2016 we adopted the UN Sustainable Development Goals and have been working on developing **Waste Free Movement workshops** for local young people across the metropolitan area.

#12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION – UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL

At the 2017 UNconference for Futures Thinkers a Plastic Bag Ban was on top of the agenda when we created a vision for 2517.

In light of the impending ban Millennium Kids Inc ran a WASTE FREE MOVEMENT workshop in mid February 2018. We ran a make your own bag workshop, looked at various types of plastic bags, heard from a marine scientist about plastic in the ocean and met with a representative from Suez to hear about their recycling efforts. We visited the Balcatta Tip Shop and other recycle centres to get a good understanding of the issues.

We met with IGA in South Fremantle and discussed our Waste Free Movement initiative which aims to help young people in the community get creative and make their own shopping bags and educate them about other single use plastic.

Here are our members ideas re the plastic bag ban as it currently stands.

I was so excited to hear we were putting plastic ban in WA. However with further investigation only banning certain grade bags isn't enough.

LET'S MAKE A STAND – completely ban the plastic bag.



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Plastic waste always ends up in the ocean.
Why not change today?
We have the power and ability to change.
There will be more plastic than marine life.
We dump it, leave it and forget about it.
Let's start by banning plastic bags.

Plastic, plastic everywhere
Nobody cares
It's just not fair.

Beach clean ups need to be compulsory and monthly.

If we don't ban the bags soon we will have more plastic in the ocean than fish. This just CAN'T HAPPEN. No more plastic bags.

Convince customers that a BYO bag is just the first step.
Great idea, broaden the definition to cover all single use plastic bags and engage with the community to help people adopt plastic – free policies.

No more 're usable plastic bags – pay for your mistakes.

Have a government website that celebrates businesses who ban all single use plastic.

Plastic bags without handles are still plastic bags. BAN ALL OF THEM

Ban plastic before it is too late.

Asbestos was a mistake we made and learnt from – time to do the same with single use plastic.

BAN THE PLASTIC BAG.

All plastic is bad.
Plastic bags, no matter what kind should be banned.

No matter what thickness, they should be banned. No matter if they have handles they should be banned, Plastic damages not only animals but humans as well.
If a fish eats plastic and we eat fish we consume plastic. Do we really need that?



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As a teacher and Millennium Kids Council member and a community member I worry about drowning in plastic. I want the students to be in a world with nature, wildlife and green spaces. Plastic is made from petroleum and it has negative effect on these things. I want to tell the student we have these areas for them in future generations

Ban all types of plastic bag. Just making them thicker makes us thicker.

The ban should include all plastic bags in the shops and check out.

Plastic bags have not been around for long. We used to live without them and can learn to live without them again. We don't need them.

Have fun

Eat chocolate

Care the for the Environment

Join our Waste Free Movement.

Regards and thanks for making a start!

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