

**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 May 2003 2:04 PM  
**To:** ECITA, Committee (SEN)  
**Subject:** PLASTIC BAG LEVY

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the proposal to impose a levy on plastic bags. Some of the reasons I am in support are as follows:

- \* Many of these bags litter our waterways, park reserves and roadsides.
- \* Plastic bags are a dangerous to wildlife including those fish, sharks or whales which mistake plastic for jellyfish.
- \* The plastic bag levy in Ireland has been a huge success, drastically reducing the number of bags used there.
- \* The money raised could be put to good environmental projects.
- \* The levy is popular - a Roy Morgan survey last year found 79% of Australians are in support.

I also believe that humans, being as we are, will not alter their consumption practices unless it cost them 'dosh'.

kind regards

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