

# Petition Calling for a Ban on Lightweight Plastic Bags

*To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly in NSW  
This petition of the people of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House:*

Around four billion light weight plastic bags are handed out every year in Australia and end up in landfill, as litter, and in our waterways there they kill an estimated 10,000 birds, whales, seals, and turtles every year. Voluntary reduction programs have failed to meet targets to reduce use, increase in-store recycling or reduce litter. Reusable bags provide an alternative to single-use plastic bags and South Australia and a number of other countries have successfully imposed bans. A ban on plastic bags would save clean-up costs incurred by local government and ratepayers and protect the environment.

***The undersigned petitioners therefore ask for a ban on single-use light weight plastic bags at retail points of sale.***

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**Please return to Alex Greenwich MP, Ground Floor 21 Oxford St Darlinghurst 2010**