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Plastic Bag Ban and Container Refund Scheme Bill Becomes Law in Queensland

Boomerang Alliance and allies, Wildlife QLD, Queensland Conservation Council, Australian Marine Conservation Society, Cairns and Far North Environment Centre, Clean Up Australia, Plastic Bag Free Livingstone and Householders Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) have welcomed the unanimous passage of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Bill through the Queensland Parliament. The bill confirms a Plastic Bag Ban and Container Refund Scheme will be introduced into Queensland in July 2018.

'The Plastic Bag Ban and Container Refund Scheme are the most significant litter and plastic pollution reduction measures introduced into Queensland in generations,' said Toby Hutcheon representing the organisations.

'As long as all retailers comply with the ban and a World's Best Practice Container scheme is introduced, we expect litter and plastic pollution could be halved.'

'Our organisations congratulate the State Government, the LNP, KAP, ONP and the Independents in the Parliament for their support in developing and passing this legislation.'

With the introduction of these measures in July 2018, our organisations are also urging the next State Government to develop a Plastic Reduction Plan for Queensland to address the other single use, disposable plastics that regularly litter and pollute our environment.

'Many communities are now taking action to reduce their plastic footprint and are looking to the next government to support their efforts.'

Queensland is identified as a hotspot for marine debris, in particular plastics.

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