

## Year 8 Making Laws Pre-visit Plastic Bag Survey

Laws effect every part of our lives. WA Parliament banned all retailers from providing lightweight single use plastic bags to customers. The law came into effect on 1/7/2018. In 2019 stores will be fined \$5000.

How does this law effect you? As a class discuss these questions and collect responses by a show of hands. Record data on the board. Create graphs to chart your data. Interpret the data by noticing trends. Email your results to [cceducation@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:cceducation@dpc.wa.gov.au).

### Plastic bag survey

**1. Over the last 6 months, what methods have you (or your family) used to carry your shopping out of the supermarket or grocery store? (Choose one or more)**

- A lightweight plastic bag provided by retailer
- An alternative (paper/heavy plastic/reusable) bag provided by retailer
- A box provided by retailer
- A reusable bag (canvas or green bag) that you paid for
- Your own bag from home
- I have groceries home delivered
- I don't know

**2. How concerned are you about lightweight plastic bags polluting our waterways (oceans, rivers, lakes), harming wildlife and going into landfill? (Choose one only).**

- A great deal
- A lot
- A moderate amount
- A little
- None at all

**3. Lightweight single use plastic bags are now banned in WA. What alternatives would you prefer to use? (Choose one or more)**

- Paper bags
- Thicker reusable plastic bags
- Reusable green bags
- Canvas bags
- Reusing a cardboard box
- Your own bags from home
- Other (give suggestions)

**4. Do you support the lightweight single-use plastic bag ban for Western Australia? (Choose Yes or No only)**

- Yes
- No