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# Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

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29 July 2017

Cllr Hutchens Mayor, and Councillors  
Lane Cove Council  
PO Box 20, Lane Cove NSW 1595

## **Re: Single Use Plastic Bags**

The Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society (LCB&CS) writes to congratulate Council on its recent unanimous decision to support the phasing out of plastic bags in Lane Cove.

The decision of Woolworths and Coles to phase out plastic bags at the beginning of 2018 is a welcome first step. Therefore we are pleased that Council recognises that more needs to be done, and that it will write to the relevant State and Federal representatives to request a National ban on all single use plastic bags.

While a number of States have already banned single use plastic bags, we note that NSW has not. Therefore we recommend that Council press the NSW government to ban single use plastic bags in NSW, pending a National ban.

We also note that Council will investigate and report back on expanding the current bag share program. Until such time that all single use plastic bags (i.e. not just from Coles, Woolworths and Harris Farm Markets) are banned in NSW and therefore in Lane Cove, we strongly recommend that the current bag share program be continued and reinforced.

Please be assured that the LCB&CS will support any initiative by Council to reduce the unnecessary or excessive use of plastics in our community.

If appropriate, we would be grateful to receive a copy of the relevant letters that Council sends as a result of this resolution, which we would find helpful to quote in our own campaigns.

Meanwhile, we again congratulate Council on this initiative.

Margaret Bergomi, President  
for the Committee,  
Lane Cove Bushland and Conservation Society Inc

cc The General Manager