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Retailers to continue partnership with government to reduce use of plastic bags

Statement from CEO Margy Osmond in response to the Environment Ministers meeting in Adelaide today

We welcome the opportunity to continue and grow our partnership with the Victorian and other state governments to develop a model to further reduce the use of plastic bags.

Australian consumers are keen to 'do the right thing' from an environmental perspective and the recent trial to reduce bag use in Victoria made that clear.

Economic conditions are tough and we are keen to find a means to reduce bag use which does not hurt consumers who are watching every dollar.

The major supermarkets have been working for many years to help customers change their behaviour and switch to reusable bags. The number of plastic bags issued each year has been cut by almost 2 billion since 2002.

We congratulate the Victorian Environment Minister Gavin Jennings for working so constructively with the business community to find a workable outcome for both consumers and the environment.

We very much look forward to working with the various state and Commonwealth governments over the coming months to develop a practical partnership model to substantially reduce bag use.

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