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Totally supportive of move to stop single use plastics. So pleased government have the courage to make some real changes.

TAKE CARE OF TWO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN ONE SOLUTION

Plastic bags and non-biodegradable fabric from disposed clothing are both significant problems.

Organize for donation of all non-biodegradable fabric/clothes to central points and make them into shopping bags. This fabric is synthetic so tends to be strong and durable, so good for the purpose, but of course also very bad for sitting in our soil at the tip. Perhaps add it as a skills training project for young people to learn how to do fabric construction, and you address a third issue of youth skills and employment.

There are creative and simple solutions for our environmental and social issues, please keep finding them, and making it so easy to make a suggestion and contribute to policy is a fantastic change I see with this government. There is a wealth of good ideas out there. let's get brainstorming together.