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# RETHINK THE BAG

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## THIS IS WHERE PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS ARE GOING...



- ⊘ Cape Town, South Africa had more than 3000 plastic grocery bags that covered each kilometre of road (Ryan and Rice, 1996)
- ⊘ A bag can last up to 1000 years, inhibiting the breakdown of biodegradable materials around or in it (Stevens, 2001)
- ⊘ 96 % of all grocery bags are thrown into landfills (Williamson, 2003)

- ⊘ Most distressing, over a billion seabirds and mammals die annually from ingestion of plastics (Baker, 2002)
- ⊘ The impact of plastic bags does not end with the death of one animal; when a bird or mammal dies in such a manner and subsequently decomposes, the plastic bag will again be released into the environment to be ingested by another animal

## PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS KILLED THESE ANIMALS !!

# Do YOU care enough to Ban The Bag?



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“Everyone has the right to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being and to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations.”

Clause 24 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa