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ALDI ENDORSES PUSH TO BIN THE BAG

ALDI Stores today endorsed comments made by Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett regarding plastic bag use by Australians.

Michael Kloeters, Group Managing Director for ALDI Stores said ALDI constantly looked for ways to minimise the environmental impact of its operations.

"ALDI is still the only major Australian supermarket operator that does not offer free plastic bags to shoppers.

"We are well known for our plastic bag policy and by not giving them away free, we prevent the use of around 150 million plastic bags each year which could potentially end up being disposed of into the environment."

Mr Kloeters said in 2001, ALDI's 'no free plastic bags' approach was considered unconventional, but today people are much more aware and the pressure will continue to mount on all retailers to address plastic bag use.

"We offer customers the option to purchase reusable plastic bags, rather than giving away high density polyethylene bags. We also have green bags customers can purchase," Mr Kloeters said.

Mr Kloeters said choosing to re-use their shopping bags was one small way for ALDI customers to contribute to ensuring a better environment for everyone.

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