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I strongly oppose this scheme. The focus needs to be on government regulation for soft plastics being produced in the first place, so the problem is tackled at the source, not after the fact and also hurting the hip pockets of consumers. I agree that there is a need for big brands to take responsibility for their plastic packaging and these companies should be charged for producing soft plastics because this cannot be recycled through most established council recycling streams. However, why should supermarket receive funding for putting this scheme in place when they are not providing the solution? Where is this plastic going to go? There has already been instances where the soft plastics collected by supermarkets have ended up in landfill.