

# Your submission to Proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags

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### Clause

1. Do you agree with the proposed mandatory phase out of the sale or distribution of single-use plastic shopping bags in New Zealand, including those made of degradable (eg, oxo-degradable, biodegradable and compostable) plastic? Why / why not?

### Position

Yes

### Notes

We can use other options, we need to make a commitment and make a start somewhere that has the biggest impact on all people and facilitates broader thought and dialogue about recycling, plastics and our environment

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3. Are you aware of types of single-use plastic shopping bags that should be exempt from a mandatory phase out?

### Position

No

### Notes

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4. Do you currently manufacture, sell, provide or import for sale or personal use these types of single-use plastic shopping bags:

### Position

No

### Notes

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5. Should smaller retailers be exempted from a mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags? Why / why not?

### Position

No

### Notes

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6. If smaller retailers are exempted from a mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags and they are defined by their number of full-time equivalent employees, what should that number be?

### Notes

its just too difficult and who / how would you regulate that?

### Clause

7. The proposed mandatory phase-out period for single-use plastic shopping bags is at least six months from when regulations are Gazetted , subject to consultation. Do you agree with this timing?

### Position

Yes

### Notes

and make other options available so retailers can get prepared, and make them affordable

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8. Do you agree that the benefits expected from implementing a mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags exceed the costs expected from implementing the phase out? Why / why not? Please consider both monetary and non-monetary costs and benefits (those that can be measured by money as well as those that can't).

### Notes

As long as there are other options available and people have enough lead in to prepare them its doable

**Clause**

9. Do you think that reasonably practicable alternatives to single-use plastic shopping bags exist in New Zealand? Why / why not?

**Position**

Not sure

**Notes**

i think we need to be better informed as to the options

**Clause**

10. How can people be encouraged to reuse multiple-use shopping bags enough times to offset the environmental impacts of producing them? (select one or more)

**Position**

national information campaign and mobile phone app for shoppers

**Notes**

both bottom options

**Clause**

11. What would help you and your family adjust to life without single-use plastic shopping bags?

**Notes**

more info about options and practise. Our Countdown gave us lots of warning and with practise we remember to take our cloth bags with us

**Clause**

12. How can data on single-use plastic shopping bags and other single-use plastics entering the market and monitoring of reductions be improved?

**Notes**

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**Clause**

13. Please provide any additional comments or suggestions about the proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags.

**Notes**

It needs to also start promoting other single use plastic removal, other wrappings / packaging in supermarkets. We also need to have local councils who invest more broadly in broad recycling. Raglan has near zero waste, it's labour intensive but they've done it. All of NZ could do it