

# 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

The danger to marine life is acute.

### Clause

2. We have proposed a mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags. This could include under 50 microns or under 70 microns in thickness. If you agree with a mandatory phase out, which option do you prefer, and why?

### Position

less than 50 microns in thickness

### Notes

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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

Yes - 50 microns or less in thickness

### Notes

I'm trusting I'm consistent in my responses. Confusing terminology?

### Clause

4a. If yes, please explain how a phase out would be likely to impact on you.

### Notes

It would assist in the management of serious worries for the health of the ocean and it's inhabitants.

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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

Honestly, this survey is reading like a softening of what needs to be a firm position on phase out.

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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

Don't agree to any lee-way.

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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**

Do I really have any choice in the process?

**Clause**

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).

**Position**

No

**Notes**

The benefits for the health of the planet would seem to out way monetary costs. Surely there is work involved in the clean-up of the damage already caused by plastics that would result on employment and subsequent monetary benefits.

**Clause**

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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

Paper bags seem eminently practical plus recyclable.

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Introduction of paper shopping bags.

**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**

No suggestion.

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

The build up of plastic bags in the home would cease to be a problem of storage and safe disposal.