

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

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Submitter Type: Individual

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

Our papatūanukū does not hold the capacity for all this waste, as kaitiaki it is our responsibility to find ways to be more resourceful and less wasteful to bring the mana back to our land.

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 70 microns in thickness

Notes

Any phase out is good in my books but the more inclusive the better! To replace single use plastic with reusable (to an extent) plastic is ridiculous and we should be working towards plastic free.

Clause

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

Position

Not sure

Notes

I honestly don't think any should, there is no need for plastic

Clause

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

To make an exception shows that there is wriggle room and lowers the impact and power of a plastic free movement

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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

0. There should be no exemptions.

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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

Although I find it may be too idealistic but it is better to have a short & strict time frame

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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).

Position

Yes

Notes

Pros are higher than cons not just for our land but for our pockets and for our health.

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

Kite - our natural and first "bags" can easily be reintroduced and sustained. Boomerang bags help keep fabrics out of the landfill. All produce is delivered in boxes that can be reused. Mesh or macrame bags can be made for cheap.

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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

I think the government needs to get behind this if they want the country to follow

Clause

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

Notes

We are plastic free but honestly having information about how to become plastic free helps as the stigma is that it is a lot harder than its reality. 1 free alternative per household and honestly just not having the option/temptation

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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

Stop importing

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