

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

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Submitter Type: Individual

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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

No

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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

No

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

Position

Yes

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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

voluntary incentive schemes by individual retailers

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

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Please use science to form policy not media or politics. Plastic bags are very cheap and efficient and are re used many times. They are hydrocarbon based i.e organic and after being used many times to benefit food security and human health they are returned to the ground via landfill. This is a good environmental outcome. Of course we dont want plastic bags in the ocean and so the focus should be on preventing plastic bags from getting out of the already existing circular economy ie extract hydrocarbons from the earth, manufacture bags, reuse bags as many times as possible, return bags to the earth via landfill. Banning plastic bags for a more environmentally costly alternative is a knee jerk reaction based on false information and media and political interests. Please use science to form policy. Regards