

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

Yes

Notes

Yes a total ban is best as compostable bags put in the landfill causes problems such as methane. However reusable bags must be made from recycled materials otherwise they in fact use more resources and impact carbon load negatively than using plastic bags.

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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

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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

Not sure

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

I think it's better if everyone gets used to bringing their own bag. . If some businesses still use them it's pointless changing the law.

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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

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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

Notes

Reusable bags are will use more resources than plastic bags and be more expensive. They must be made from recycled materials or

the whole exercise is worse overall for the environment. The only positive is they won't end in The sea.

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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

Notes

Reusable re recycled bags or paper bags

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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

Other (please specify)

Notes

Mandate the material that reusable bags are made from. I.e recycled. Ban plastic abyss. Other measures to reduce plastic such as charging companies for disposal of all there packaging

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

Notes

Reminder signs. Compulsory. Carrot and stick approach

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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

I don't know

Clause

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

Notes

Must actually improve the environment not make it worse. Proper scientific research. Recycled reusable bags only otherwise it's just a feel good exercise. The impact overall must be less than plastic bags.

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