

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

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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

Other (please specify)

Notes

All plastic bags including reusable bags made using plastic (even some)

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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

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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

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

Yes

Notes

With a little investment by individuals and families, they can have reusable bags. Yet the impact on the environment is monumental.

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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

Even cotton bags or hemp bags could be used again and again

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

Notes

Incentives to use reusable bags now, like a 5 cent discount. Free plastic free reusable bags when you spend a certain amount at the supermarket.

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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

That is a good question, I would like more transparency, and also a way to celebrate those companies who are trying to reduce their impact on the environment. .

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

Notes

Please do not allow other plastic bags to be called "reusable bags". If the government are really saying how they care about the environment, please do not allow big chains (or small chains) use materials that won't decompose. Please.

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