

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

I do agree with getting rid of the plastic, however, be real and upfront about what you plan as a replacement because no replacement is just unrealistic. paper bags?

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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

If they were then why bother at all!

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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 why bother doing something halfway! either phases them out or don't otherwise this is all a waste of our time and money!

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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

All things take time so it is to be expected also it gives time to get feedback like this, for example, making smaller companies exempt..... = waste of time and money = public stop listening because what you do is never done fully come on if your going to do something do it right the first time.

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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

Lets face it, it is best for the environment and the government/ large companies pass any costs onto us as the people and we have no choice in that so im the very least dont give those companies monetary support when they will charge us anyway. Changes happen in our life/way of doing things and they need to man up face the change alone as they chose to be in business and this is just part of it.

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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

Paper bags! yip they rip if you put too much in extra but hey it will encourage us all to have our own reusable ones if we don't like it and I say this as one of the people that have them but never use them so if it made me use them good I really shouldn't be so lazy but I am why because I can't speed up that task in my busy day but it doesn't mean I agree with my own choice.

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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

If your choice is to buy and use a multi-use bag or carry your items individually by hand your going to make the effort to use a multi-use. Voluntary incentive won't work because if you are presented with a short cut in your busy life you will always take it regardless of incentives and a national information campaign is a waste of money time and effort we all know why multi-use are a better idea but we choose not to use them anyway because it is easier not to be honest stop wasting time and money! our time and money!.

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

Notes

Make sure that retailers selling multi-use bags CANT overcharge for a then necessary product.

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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

watch dumps and recycling depots the reduction should be evident other than that lets be honest that question is a hard one I think making the location and access to dumping sites better known that will help to make sure that it is all taken to the appropriate place and not dumped at rivers and such which is sadly seen a lot and would not be able to be tracked.

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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

Don't stop there Make dump stations and recycling station easy to find online with times prices extra local councils make it very hard to find the information easily and complete information that is why the rubbish problem is growing if the local councils up their rates over and over but the areas we live in look the same are not made to look nice why would residents go through the effort to keep NZ green clean and beautiful if it is not beautiful and cost a lot with no visible use of the money put back into community's? gain back the people faith and trust in local government and you will find the community spirit is still there it has just been abused so long the want to do it has died bring it back by showing there is community worth working for instead of the CEs massive paycheck an holidays.

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