

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

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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

Plastic is hurting our environment in New Zealand, our oceans and worldwide. I'm hoping NZ can lead by example.

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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

No

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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

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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

I would like to see it sooner, but realise for some, other products would need to be sourced.

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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

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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

Of course, I've been shopping avoiding using plastics shopping bags for some time, I also avoid purchasing products like fruit and veg that's packaged in plastics, I'm hoping with more awareness it will be easier to shop for products that actually use recyclable

packaging, as more suppliers will change to them.

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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

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

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Just take them away, we'll manage.. Kinda like pulling the plaster off quickly.

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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?

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I would like to see a team in every area in New Zealand specially formed to help monitor single use plastics with data collected from supermarkets and retailers and the like, Numbers could be noted at purchase and stock taking and forward information through to them. These teams could also be knowledgeable about alternatives and be actively working with producers to hopefully substantially reduce the use of single use plastics.

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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

Heart felt Ads encouraging consumers to buy products without plastic wrapping, would encourage suppliers to supply products without plastics... Encourage bin-in type food sources, encourage local butchers that don't plastic seal, and local bakers that can use paper bags. Schools could help by reaching our younger consumers about the affect on our planet caused by plastics.