

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

It really time to get rid of them!

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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

I would rather see a phase out of all types of single-use plastic bags no matter the thickness.

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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

Yes - more than 50 microns and less than 70 microns in thickness?

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4a. If yes, please explain how a phase out would be likely to impact on you.

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Positively impact me, it will challenge me to look for alternatives to line my bins and I've used reusable bag for a while now when I'm out shopping.

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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 we're going to phase out single-use plastic shopping bags, EVERYONE should be included and involved. There shouldn't be any special treatment to anyone or certain businesses.

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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?

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zero

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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

No

Notes

AT LEAST? Come on now, NZ can do better than that! It's just plastic bags we're talking about, not getting rid of other single-use plastic items.

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7a. If no, what do you think would be a more appropriate phase-out period?

Position

two months

Notes

as soon as possible!

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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

Not sure

Notes

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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

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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

It's all about changing/having new habits. Once people are used to not being provided single-use shopping bags at the shops, they'll remember for next time to bring their own reusable ones next time.

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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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we're pretty adjusted to life without it.

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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

Am looking forward to the day when it is announced that the mandatory phase out is in action! Honestly, New Zealand is ready for it!

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