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**Submitter Type:**

Individual

**Source:** Web Form

**Overall Position:** Support

**Must read**

**Overall Notes:**

**Clause**

1. Do you agree with the Government's proposal to prohibit the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing microbeads (eg, body scrubs, facial cleaners, toothpastes) to reduce their impacts on New Zealand's environment and human health? Why/why not?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

I support the prohibition of the manufacture sale and disposal of microbeads. A legislative ban must be introduced straight away. In other countries, like Australia, they've opted to let the manufacturers and retailers voluntarily "self-regulate". This isn't effective.

**Clause**

2. What are your views on the Government narrowing or widening the definition of the scope of personal care products containing microbeads to be prohibited from manufacture and sale in New Zealand?

**Notes**

The purpose of this law is to eliminate microbead plastic in the environment. It is illogical to define the prohibition on product type, the law must logically be used to define a prohibition on ingredients: i.e. the bad must be of microbeads, not the product types that may contain them.

**Clause**

3. Do you currently manufacture, sell or use any personal care products containing microbeads? Please specify.

**Position**

No

**Notes**

I would never knowingly choose a product that contains such materials that will, though my use of them, cause such great harm to New Zealand's natural resources and assets.

**Clause**

4. Do you currently manufacture, sell or use any personal care products containing microbeads for medically prescribed uses or purposes? Please specify.

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

5. Do you currently import any personal care products containing microbeads into New Zealand, either for sale or personal use? Please specify.

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

7. Do you currently manufacture, sell or use any alternatives to personal care products containing microbeads (or components therein), which are designed and used for the same purpose(s)? Please specify.

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

8. Do you consider the alternatives to personal care products containing microbeads (or components therein) to be reasonably practicable, readily available, and similarly priced for existing personal, business or other uses? Why/why not?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

**Clause**

9. Is there any reason why the alternatives would not be reasonably practicable, readily available, or similarly priced for personal, business or other uses? If so, would you consider operating against the policy intent and importing personal care products containing microbeads from overseas?

**Position**

No

**Notes****Clause**

13. What are your views on the Government's proposed timeframe for entry-into-force of the regulations under the Waste Minimisation Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing microbeads?

**Notes**

The ban must take effect immediately.

**Clause**

15. Are there any ways the Government could help industry or consumers transition away from personal care products containing microbeads ahead of the regulations' entry-into-force?

**Notes**

Just let them know that by using the products they will be charged for the damage to New Zealand's natural resources. Then the true cost of using the product will deter any future use, and promote alternative non-harmful ingredients to be developed and manufactured.

**Clause**

16. Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Government's proposal?

**Notes**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this very important legislation. I will be watching the process and outcome very closely.