

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

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### Clause

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

They are unnecessary. It all can be done with reusable cloth bags.

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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 should be banned.

### Clause

3. Are you aware of types of single-use plastic shopping bags that should be exempt from a mandatory phase out?

### Position

No

### 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

There is no reason why smaller retailers should be exempt. They are some of the worst offenders - i.e. they will put a bar of chocolate in a plastic bag.

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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

No exemptions.

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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

Timelines should shorten and implementation should be faster. Shorten consultation times, get it done. I have not been using plastic bags for years, and refusing to accept plastic bags from smaller retailers. It's easy.

**Clause**

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

**Position**

two months

**Notes**

It's easy. I don't use plastic bags today.

**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

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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**

Reusable cloth bags, backpacks, etc. People can use anything, they are just lazy.

**Clause**

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)

**Notes**

Don't understand the question. Is this multiple use plastic bags? If yes, they should be banned. If cloth, then they should have a cost.

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Been doing it for 5 years.

**Clause**

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**

Info charts on volume and damage they create to wildlife and environment.

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Go for it as quickly as possible. Then move into single use cutlery and fast food, specially coffee cups and lids. Next step is food manufacturers Packaging.