

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

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Submitter Type:

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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

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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 that are able to be produced cheaply that gives the convenience of a single use bag

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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

Yes

Notes

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3a. If yes, what are they and why should they be exempt?

Notes

Bags that are 70mm + which people are currently using as permanent bags. Something that can be recycled are used to make new ones

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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

Everyone has to be onboard otherwise there is still single-use bags entering the environment

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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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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

Six months worth of single-use bags is still a lot when they can be taken away faster

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

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

30 days

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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

The environmental impacts, which can't be measured in \$\$\$ is worth creating this mandatory phase out no matter the cost

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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

No

Notes

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9a. If no, what do you think is missing currently that would need to be available?

Notes

Fiber bags from plants (Hemp or Cotton)

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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?

Notes

Education

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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

Nationwide clean up promotion for single-use bags and bring it all together to show what has been taken out from the environment and what we are stopping from entering the environment with the new regulations

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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

N/A

You have elected to withhold your personal details from publication.