

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

Because they are unnecessary and used for such a short amount of time. Paper or fabric bags or boxes are perfectly fine.

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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

Can they not be gotten rid of entirely? It should only be reusable or paper/decomposing bags

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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

Notes

Make sure you get the bags for vegetables too they use in the supermarket

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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

A bag is a bag, typically at smaller retailers you are picking up less items anyway so a bag isn't needed

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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

15

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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

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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 overall benefits outweigh the costs, people are already moving to reusable bags it wouldn't be a significant issue.

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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

Pak'n'save we just always use boxes or carry the items, you are usually carrying a bag anyway. Many items are delivered these days so transportation isn't an issue. Ultimately if we make it harder to use bags the market will provide alternatives

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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

Notes

Not t sure what the phone app item refers to but creating national awareness and buy in if the issue is important

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

Notes

Not supplying them, if they aren't supplied I'll carry it or bring a bag. It's only when the plastic bag is already offered and supplied that I typically use it. Create more friction in the decision making process so people have to consciously choose a bag and they'll probably not bother to get one

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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

Hymm good question. Probably need to have retailers note how many were being used, could do general surveys to see if people were starting to use them less as well.

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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

I'm actually so pleased the government is doing this, it didn't take a protest or anything either it's just happening- everyone I've spoken to is so surprised and relieved that the government seems to care and has the balls to just do it. It's nice, keep it up - what will be next I wonder...