

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

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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 like to see all plastic disappear from shops including other retail - not just supermarkets. For most retail outlets it is just another advertising opportunity and why should we put up with that. Plastic wrap around food items is a problem. So is polystyrene packaging. Bread bags need to be replaced as well - all soft plastic packaging needs to go! fruit and vege bags need a better option too.

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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

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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

this is a huge problem and no exemptions should be made. We all need to accept that its time for solutions.

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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

0 - everyone needs to embrace the change together!

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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

Not sure

Notes

they have already been warned and should already be thinking of alternatives

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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

we need to get rid of plastic of all sorts in our environment. we have trashed our planet for human convenience.

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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

I have been using alternatives to plastic for several years. I seldom buy a product that is packaged in hard plastic. I always look for a glass packing option. Obviously this is not always possible unfortunately.

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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

voluntary incentive schemes by individual retailers

Notes

simply have them unavailable. People will then adapt!

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

Notes

We have been using reusable bags for several years. If they are unavailable people will be forced to change their habits. Its not a big deal.

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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

not sure

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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

people using plastic bags for dog poo is a bad idea as it continually introduces organic waste wrapped in plastic into landfill (if it in fact gets that far) this is a problem that need to be solved.