

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

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Submitter Type: Individual

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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

parameters should also be for plastic bags that are marketed as "reusable" such as supermarket plastic bags now being produced instead of single use bags. all are just as bad as each other - what about canvas, cotton or wicker baskets or supporting Boomerang bags as a circular economy for 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

less than 70 microns in thickness

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see note above, you can ban single use bags but they are replaced by thicker plastic "reusable bags" doesn't really make much sense on the plastic consumption - incentives should be made for use of non plastic items or recycled plastic rather than introducing new plastic into our economy and environment.

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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

none. all should be banned. the manufacturers should also be more responsible for the impact of plastic consumption or importers etc we need to keep NZ free from the imported plastic

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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

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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

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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

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Or sooner

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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

Not sure

Notes

my view is based not on monetary values

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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

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

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support for community groups such as boomerang bags or Not for profit organisations to benefit from alternatives that dont include plastic - eg school fundraisers or kindergartens to sell cotton bags

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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?

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government support , school education, help for low decile areas to also have alternatives eg flax baskets

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

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thank you for listening to the people of NZ

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