

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

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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

Complete removal, people will adapt when there is no option

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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

Not sure

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

Other (please specify)

Notes

Making prices of bags that are more likely to be used for convenience or lack of cost to be very expensive. People who want to use plastic bags for shopping will soon not want to if you charge \$10 per plastic bag. Therefore reusable life long bags definitely won't be forgotten in the car or at Home when you have to take item by item back to your car or purchase a ridiculously expensive plastic bag to take your groceries home.

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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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Not having any option but to adapt to not having them. The quicker the better as the longer you give an option the more frustrating it will be when you finally take them away.

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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

Showing visual images to people of the effects of where the bags end up after our single use lifestyle. When people see puppies choking on them in billboard images everywhere they look in a supermarket they'll soon stop complaining about not having the convenience of having them anymore. If you use facts and figures people won't read it, it needs to be visual and hit home with something they relate to or care about.

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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

Do it now, do it fast and suggest alternatives so people who don't adapt well know what else they can do.

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