

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

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**Submitter Type:** Individual

**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**

i dont think plastics need to be used to carry items. its very easy to bring bags along with you tonuse instead. plastic has too long a life in our world, to use it so often.

**Clause**

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**

we should be phasing out all single use bags. if we need a single use bag, ot should be biodegradeable.

**Clause**

3. Are you aware of types of single-use plastic shopping bags that should be exempt from a mandatory phase out?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

medically sensitive bags, e.g. iv bags

**Clause**

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**

**Clause**

5. Should smaller retailers be exempted from a mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags? Why / why not?

**Position**

No

**Notes**

smaller retailers should he helping lead the charge to a clean and pure nz, just like all of us.

**Clause**

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**

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**Clause**

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**

should be plenty of time.

**Clause**

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**

**Clause**

9. Do you think that reasonably practicable alternatives to single-use plastic shopping bags exist in New Zealand? Why / why not?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

it's easy and affordable to buy reusable bags. i bought one for \$10 about ten yrs ago and it's still going strong.

**Clause**

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**

ideas are great, but a change in attitude is what matters. local retailers and national campaigns needs to take part in encouraging the learning about how plastics impact our world and local life. we also should highlight the positives this will create.

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

more products being available in plastic free packaging.

**Clause**

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**

mandatory reporting by manufacturers and retailers and fines for non-compliance with a consumer reporting scheme as well. like a "neighborhood watch".

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