

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

No

Notes

This question is misleading and ambiguous

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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?

Notes

Please get your facts right as to what the government's policy is and ask the question as per the quote from the act A new plastic bag (including one made of degradable plastic) which has handles and is below a maximum level of thickness. The terms 'plastic' and 'degradable' (including 'biodegradable', 'compostable' and 'oxo-degradable') would be defined in regulations with reference to international standards.

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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

Yes

Notes

A new plastic bag (including one made of degradable plastic) which has handles and is below a maximum level of thickness. The terms 'plastic' and 'degradable' (including 'biodegradable', 'compostable' and 'oxo-degradable') would be defined in regulations with reference to international standards. Anything other than the above

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

Notes

As stated

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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

Yes

Notes

Everyone should be exempt as you are still not stating exactly what they arranging to start with

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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

Read the above

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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

No

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7a. If no, what do you think would be a more appropriate phase-out period?

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

The type of bag they are trying to ban according to the government is not the problem there are far worse plastics that are being used and thrown away A new plastic bag (including one made of degradable plastic) which has handles and is below a maximum level of thickness. The terms 'plastic' and 'degradable' (including 'biodegradable', 'compostable' and 'oxo-degradable') would be defined in regulations with reference to international standards.

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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

And still you say plastic bags without specifying the type the government is referring to

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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

Why what

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

Arrest anyone who is not carrying a multiple use bag with them at all times just in case you might call in for a loaf of bread and milk (oh that's right they are plastic as well) now what do I do

Clause

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

Notes

That you specify the type of bag so we are properly informed as to what you are referring to and not generalizing as it is the ones with handles as shown earlier on

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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

Go to your local supermarket or convenience store \$2 shops hairdressers and see what types of plastics there are re packaging and then realize what we are up against

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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

The banning of single use plastic bags with 2 handles is going to achieve nothing as they make up approximately 0.001 percent of the problem Start by banning all cosmetics and toiletries