

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

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

less than 70 microns in thickness

Notes

I don't really understand this question but get rid of the whole dam lot for goodness sake! Why is this only focused on bloody shopping bags? What about all the rest of the single-use plastic!

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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

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

Notes

Yes, the whole dam lot need to be banned!

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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

Why the hell should they! This is about our oceans & environment for goodness sake!

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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?

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Stupid question!!!!

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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

Notes

Govt has the power to bring laws into being immediately. Look at what those National bastards did with the \$1000 superannuation start up payment. Overnight decision! Don't say it can't be done.

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

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

Immediate ban!

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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

What a terribly written question! It's as if you don't want people to understand so they can't give you the feedback you don't want to hear! The cost to the environment far outweighs the cost to businesses. This is about the survival of our mokopuna. Stop making everything about money. That's how we got into this mess in the first place!

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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

Not sure

Notes

I've seen paper bags being used in some places but even if they don't exist currently on a large scale, someone will start offering them if there is a market for them. And the best way to make that happen is to ban all plastic!

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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

Again, a really difficult question for the average person to read & understand! People can be encouraged if reusable shopping bags are the only option they've got!

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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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If there's no other choice, we'll adjust!

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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?

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Who cares about data! There's enough evidence already to show how toxic & destructive plastic is to our environment & world so stop allowing it to be used!

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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

It's disgusting and cowardly that the govt is only talking about shopping bags when everyone is well aware that the problem is so much bigger than that!

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