

# 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

This has been implemented for a few years in Europe and other countries and definitely needs to be done in NZ.

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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

all of the single use plastic shopping bags of any thickness, the very thin ones can have the worst impact.

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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

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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

everyone should follow the same rules, even more small retailers as it is likely to save them cost.

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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

### Notes

This will allow for stocks to be phased out.

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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

Environmental impacts will be reduced and general public area pollution as it is the top 5 item found on the beach and parks. Cost for purchasing individual bags will be gone. Responsibility of consumers will be higher

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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**

It only requires a little bit of planning

**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**

Maybe potential system for renting a bag at your local supermarket, which you can take and then return next time you go to the supermarket. It happens a lot that you forget it and therefore offering a sort of "borrow // rental" system will ensure longevity of the bags and simplicity for customers

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