

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

Single use plastic bags are the easy way to appear to be doing something. There are a lot of other items that cause pollution such as disposable nappies, plastic bottles, excessive packaging etc. Are these going to be phased out too? Are glass bottles going to be reintroduced? We reuse plastic shopping bags so they are not single use. If they were not available we would have to buy plastic bags .

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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**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**

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

No

Notes**Clause**

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

Position

No

Notes**Clause**

9a. If no, what do you think is missing currently that would need to be available?

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Paper bags

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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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Maybe bring back paper bags.