

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

So called single use bags are not single use for most people (personal observation) for rubbish tin liners, dog poo, baby naps whatever I walk on the beach every day and very rarely see a plastic bag. If a problem charge people for littering (may need to increase fines) Plastic bags are inexpensive and ideal for landfill All alternatives are more expensive and create greater issues We have invented them,

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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?

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I do not agree with getting rid of 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?

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I do not agree with the non use of so called single use plastic bags

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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

All retailers should be exempt from phase out of so called single use plastic bags

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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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10,000

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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)

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Never

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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

No

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Has government done any sort of cost benefit study?

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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

No

Notes

Single use plastic bags meet needs of retailers and consumers for the

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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)

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The whole exercise by government is virtual signally and is likely to lead to unintended consequences

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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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Likely to buy less from retailers

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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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Maybe government should form a working group to figure out data and do cost benefit study

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13. Please provide any additional comments or suggestions about the proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags.

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Stop the process immediately of phasing out single use plastic bags