

# 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

Our societies reliance on these is epidemic and we need to take steps to respect the earth and the other animals living here with us and for our future generations to not have to deal with our blatant disregard for the end life of these products.

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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

Get rid of them all.

### Clause

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

The point is to reduce plastic. Exemptions are saying that it's ok for them. Perhaps if cost consider allowing more compliance time or encourage them to reduce. Smaller business tend to use lighter weight plastic that's more likely to blow into the sea.

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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

However the question is what will happened to pre purchase plastic bags already branded with the retailers. Woll this go straight to land fill????

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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**

Long term health of the country. Consideration for future generations ability to manage waste. Costs spent to clean the sea from human trash. Quality of life.

**Clause**

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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

We already have!!

**Clause**

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**

Inform people... some people are ignorant as to what happens to their rubbish when they put it into land fill and the fact plastic never disappears. Show them what we are leaving behind for their kids and grand kids.

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Dont back down. Dont let people say we shouldn't do it... we need to!