

Your submission to Proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags

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Submitter Type: Business / Industry

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

No

Notes

This could work on the business or stores for New Zealander. But what about for tourist buying SOUVENIRS at gift shop? What will happen if tourist family bought a lot of stuff and tell them we don't supply plastic bags then you need buy reusable bag?

Clause

3. Are you aware of types of single-use plastic shopping bags that should be exempt from a mandatory phase out?

Position

Yes

Notes

For tourist who does not know this should be exempt.

Clause

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

Notes

Government should take time to inform to the world for a while this policy and remind all tourist in the airplane or airport. Otherwise tourist believe they deserve bags to be provided for shopping.

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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:

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I don't know the thickness but we give free plastic bags when customer buy any from us.

Clause

5. Should smaller retailers be exempted from a mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags? Why / why not?

Position

Yes

Notes

To avoid trouble with customer as above answers.

Clause

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?

Notes

20 or 30

Clause

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

Way too short and too sudden, you should take more time to inform tourist

Clause

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

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

18months or 2years

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

Not sure

Notes**Clause**

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**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

national information campaign and mobile phone app for shoppers

Notes

Nationally and worldwide by all airline or travel related company and their web site

Clause

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

Notes

tourist market are considered again, we kiwis can bring own bags to go supermarket to buy milk and bread and drive home. Tourist need plastic bags to carry to back hotel or accommodation. Please think how much our economy rely on tourism and do research what people think who comes to NZ from overseas.