

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

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### Submitter Type:

#### 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

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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

less than 70 microns in thickness

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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

They should all be phased out. There are already alternatives out there for everything plastoc

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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

Customers are perfectly capable of brining their own bags to stores. Including small stores. It is the currently provided convenience that allows people to be lazy and to not have to think. It will take a period of adjustment but we can all think enough to remember to bring bags if we need them.

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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?

#### Notes

They should not be exempt. It needs to be a total ban to be effective. I work will small retailers with Plastic Free Pohutukawa Coast and they are all on board with trying to eliminate plastic bags in our area of NZ.

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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

Not sure

#### Notes

Sooner would be better. It's like a band aid. Just rip it off.

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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**

**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**

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**

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

We already do it use plastic bags at all ever.

**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**

Not sure what you currently collect

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

I think all plastic bags should be banned, including reusable plastic bags! These reusable bags still turn into environmental problems. Not including them in the ban does not fully address the problem.