

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

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Submitter Type: Individual

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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

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

Other (please specify)

Notes

All types of plastic. Shopping bags should be provided if course but only compostable types or natural fibers

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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

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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

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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

I don't think they should be exempt

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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

Notes

Phasing out should begin ASAP with incentives for businesses who are already putting in to place plastic bag exemption

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

Position

two months

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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

Definitely. The benefits will be that all consumers will start to think of alternatives to cut down on waste and create beneficial shopping habits

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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

Yes

Notes

Flax kete. Borrow bags. Hessian bags. Cotton bags. We have plenty of alternatives

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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)

Position

voluntary incentive schemes by individual retailers

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

Notes

We already have reusable bags at home and have adopted better waste reducing habits. We have groups like Go Eco Waikato in Hamilton. And websites like waste free nz

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

Notes

Include rubbish bags, introduce wheelie bins for all councils. Single use meat trays that are compostable, not recyclable. Plastic vege bags and vegetable packaging should go also. Swap for paper bags. Milk bottles in glass bottles. Phase out the sale of plastic bottled bevarages swap to glass and aluminum. Get more plastic recycling stations set up in each region, or an incentive for companies who start them themselves

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