

# 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

In the oldern days we could manage without everything plastic, why can't we go back to simpler times like those

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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?

### Notes

We should ban them straight away! why wait.. people are going to have to learn to bring re useable ones sooner or later :(

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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

Not sure

### 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

Definitely not. People WILL find alternatives when they are forced to. Giving people second chances or "one-offs" which they don't learn from isn't helping. Pollution needs to stop immediately

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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

0. Ban the plastic bag NOW.

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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

NO. Why wait? I don't get it. If you ban plastic bags tomorrow, what's the worst that can happen.... "ohhh i forgot to bring a reuseable bag to pack my groceries in, now that you're not handing out plastic." - then they'll go home and come back and learn their lesson not to do it again.

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

**Position**

Other (please specify)

**Notes**

Immediate. Tomorrow.

**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**

Yes

**Notes**

We are ruining the world by adding to it. Companies need to take action and solve the problem. Forget about the money, and do something for the world that you're living in.

**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**

We use to be able to manage before plastic was such a big thing.

**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)

**Notes**

People will find a way that suits how they like to do things, you can provide info/tips on ways of alternatives. but when people are forced, they will soon figure it out

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Banning it so we don't even have a choice to fall back on using them.

**You have elected to withhold your personal details from publication.**