

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

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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

I want all bags that can be used for single use to be phased out quickly. Also some of the biodegradable bags out there in the shops now do not degrade quickly enough.

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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

Notes

All bags made of plastic to go please. Doesn't matter how thick, thin, big. Just all of them please.

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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

No. Then some businesses will then find sneaky ways around the ban.

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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

Would be nice if it could be faster.

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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

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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**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

Just keep encouraging people to buy a couple of jute or cloth bags. Availability of these in shops helps. A couple of years ago it was so difficult to find bags like these but now i'm seeing more and more all the time.

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

Notes

I already adjusted easily to life without plastic bags 11 years ago. It's not hard. Once this becomes a normal thing, no one will be complaining.

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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

For me, this is just the tip of the ice berg. There are other single-use plastics that I think need to go too. There are so many. Plastic lollipop sticks, plastic cutlery and plates, plastic straws and plastic bottles with plastic lids would also be excellent items to ban and phase out next.