

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

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### 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

### Notes

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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

Because everyone needs to return to carrying a bag with them for there goods. Paper bags are much much better for small items.

### 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

I do not understand the question. How does plastic bags relate to the full time employees?

### 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

Make it sooner or at most 6 months

### Clause

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

**Position**

two months

**Notes**

**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**

It is obvious to me that the benefits would be greater, for a healthy planet reason of course and many people will no doubt start businesses making new and lightweight bags out of natural recyclable lightweight materials.

**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**

cardboard boxes. The net bags we used to have in teh 60's let alone all teh other sorts around. It is NOT a problem!. It is easy access to commodities that is the problem. Bring back glass containers for milk, jams etc...and deliver on electric milk floats to peoples homes. Then we know everyone has food in the house and will not need to drive everywhere either!

**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**

do everything and educate through schools and younger generations too. Help people understand that plastic is also from the oil industry...it is the waste product of the petrol industry, it has only been around for very very few years compared to humans time on earth and people are inventing things from it because it is so cheap. But it is deadly for our eco-systems and so the future generations. Plastic bags are only the start. Our houses, schools, hospitals and community buildings are full of toxins from the petro-chemical industry in our building materials too! It is a night mare.

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

We are ready. What would help is to support the retailers from angry customers who cannot cope without the bags initially.

**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. But more and more work and investment (and so i suppose data) on the alternatives

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Maybe some really life buckets outside supermarkets, of the ghastly stuff, from the sea of garbage in the Pacific with the soup of the broken down plastic bags Nothing like teh real thing compared to just images. We are blasted with words and images all the time so we switch off. If we had the end result for people to put there hands in smell and see the dead things floating in it let allow the plastic goop then i think people might get it! also in supper markets the roles of plastic bags for putting your fruit and veges should go Immediately! I always went to use the paper mushroom bags for mine and now I carry little net bags.