

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

No

Notes

These bags are low hanging fruit. They are by no means the greatest problem, just the easiest. Plastic drink bottles are far worse.

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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

I don't agree with the mandatory phase out. These bags are not single use.

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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

Yes

Notes

I think that the shopping bags should be left alone and all the truly single use packaging phased out.

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3a. If yes, what are they and why should they be exempt?

Notes

See above

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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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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

Don't agree with the phase out.

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

Notes

See above

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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

No

Notes

Phasing out plastic shopping bags in NZ won't make a jot of difference in the scheme of things. It is just a "feel good" project.

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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

No

Notes

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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)

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Plastic shopping bags are already multi use.

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

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Getting rid of all the unnecessary plastic packaging first.

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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

This is a financial win for supermarkets. They will no longer have to provide free shopping bags and will sell many more plastic rubbish bags. Why are you focusing on shopping bags? There is so much worse out there, plastic packaging, plastic drink bottles, meat trays, plastic wrapped fruit and veg etc etc

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