

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

People do not know what these terms mean and unless the compostable are actually composted in the right conditions they do just make more waste.

Clause

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

I think all plastic no matter how thick should be phased out. Thicker plastic requires more fossil fuels and who is to say it will be used again - we have reusable alternatives, plastic should not be an option.

Clause

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

I hope it includes the produce bags, bulk foods zip lock bags too??

Clause

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

Clause

5. Should smaller retailers be exempted from a mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags? Why / why not?

Position

No

Notes

Single use bags are a convenience that is costing the earth, smaller retailers can contribute to this improvement.

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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

Yes

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

However, what about all the pre-packaged fruit on the market, will this lead to retailers bagging more produce and other items- this needs to be addressed.

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

I use many alternatives, use a box, reuseable bags, chilly bins, net bags, the alternatives are endless.

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

voluntary incentive schemes by individual retailers

Notes

Bag swaps, honesty schemes,

Clause

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

Notes

I am almost there, some tips of what to use plastic bags for that you usually use them for after shopping like putting your dirty shoes in them, covering paint brushes,