

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

Individual

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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 do definitely because it is the right step forward for our environment, especially our awa.

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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

Other (please specify)

Notes

I believe all single-use plastic should be phased out so consequently think all single-use plastic bags should be phased out.

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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

Nothing should be exempt

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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

But there should be mechanisms in place to help these small retailers or others that need a little more help and guidance

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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?

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Not really sure but maybe a maximum of 20 workers

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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

6 months is a good period as it doesn't make the change too sudden but does mean the change has to happen now.

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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

Notes

I believe the benefits we will see both monetarily, but more importantly environmentally far outweigh the negative impacts.

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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

For this one, it's more of a maybe because there are some alternatives in some areas but not in others and cost comes into it as well, especially for those smaller businesses. I think there are some but not enough, but this mandatory phase-out may help to start some innovative ideas that can fix some of these more specific problems

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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)

Notes

Schemes like boomerang bags is a good one. Also, just simple reminders on tv and the radio to put the bags in your car or get the fold away ones for your purse/backpack. Getting some shocking facts out there on the impact of the regular individual use of single-use plastic bags.

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

Notes

Some better options for taking food to work and school, especially for younger kids.

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