

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

Yes

Notes

In-necessarily wrapping foods in plastic should also be looked at, or alternatives made. Stop wrapping corn in plastic - it has its own skin.

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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

We can use paper bags, and Govt could think about subsidising for smaller businesses. It's also not hard to see your own cloth bags or to use reusable bags

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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

While I realise that consultation is happening, I can almost guarantee that when the 6 months hits people will be saying 'where did this all come from?!' Perhaps 9 months?

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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

Not sure

Notes

I don't know the financial details. I expect, in the long run, the will have infinitely better outcomes for the environment and you can't really put a price on that..

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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

Cloth reusable bags, sturdy paper bags with handles, smaller paper bags which you can roll. Paper bags can still be used in waste paper baskets. I think we need more education on what to use for household rubbish bins because lots of plastic bags are reused in buns

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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)

Position

national information campaign and mobile phone app for shoppers

Notes

We need information about what the lifecycle contaminants of the bag is (from picking the materials / making the materials to how they decompose)

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

Notes

Having cheap alternatives in supermarket to buy if I forget. Have the ability to use cardboard boxes instead (or if I forget) have alternatives like paper bags. Wrap meat in butchers paper.

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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

Shoppers use app to tick if they were given plastic bag or not?

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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

Please also consider reducing food wrapping when not needed (have bulk bins of lettuce instead of in bags, provide paper bags for other fruits, have separate section of supermarket for organic to reduce cross contamination, use butchers paper for meat at the butcher)

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