

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

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Submitter Type: 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

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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

All plastic bags regardless of thickness should be banned. No-one is going to "re-use" a plastic bag just because it's thicker plastic. People are lazy and it will end up in landfill and still damage the environment.

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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

Not sure

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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

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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 good because it gives shops time to change out their bags to paper or reusable dependent on what they can afford.

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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

100%. The benefits of banning single use plastic bags is so much bigger than money. It allows future generations to actually (possibly) be able to live on this planet. The more plastic we add, the less chance we give those after us. We need to get rid of as much plastic as possible, plastic bags are just the start.

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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

Reusable bags!!!!!! Anyone that says no to this answer is LAZY. I have multiple reusable bags and I keep them in my car, my kitchen and my bedroom so that whenever I need one I have one. And thanks to Countdown who made \$1 reusable bags available, the excuses are now pathetic and irrelevant.

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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

voluntary incentive schemes by individual retailers

Notes

For example, New World offer a discount when you bring your own bag.

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

Notes

I personally have been using reusable bags for just over a year. The only thing that made me adjust was the change of my values and behaviour, and as domino effect of my behaviour my family and close friends have followed suit.

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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?

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Take Keep Cup's website for example, they track how many coffee cups will be avoided due to the amount of keep cups being bought. This is a great way. People like praise and like to know how they're "doing good" or "making a difference". Give those who are lazy and don't care about the planet more praise and hopefully they will make the shift.

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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

My generation are killing ourselves trying to make a difference on this earth to allow future generations to have a chance to live here. Banning single use plastic bags is just the beginning of what we need to do to allow the chance to exist. Let do this.

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