

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

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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

No

Notes

Absolutely not! We are not a dictatorship, although it looks like we will be soon. Make it optional, those that don't want them don't have to have them. Those who do want to use them (as they are not single use) should be able to still have them.

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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?

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have no idea what that means!

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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?

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Perhaps you should give ideas of what you mean!

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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

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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

Yes

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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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What a crazy question!

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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

No, because they are not "single use" they get used for everything from rubbish to carrying we togs, to sending a heap of stuff home with someone or taking stuff somewhere where you don't want to have to get the bag back. Financially, the people who make bin liners will be laughing all the way to the bank.

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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

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9a. If no, what do you think is missing currently that would need to be available?

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No way am I putting a tray of chicken or meat in a reusable bag! I am one of many with a serious illness that is on immunosuppressants. That means I do not have an immune system & the slightest infection can kill us. "single use" bags as you call them, are better from many with health issues which does not seem to have been considered.

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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

Other (please specify)

Notes

From what I saw on a tv program, producing them has a large carbon footprint, way higher than "single use" bags & would need to be used 100's of times to make them viable.

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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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Free rubbish bags

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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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You can make data say what you want it to & with this government I wouldn't believe anything they published anyway.

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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

The plastic pollution coming from NZ is just a drop in the bucket & is going to make very little difference until the mass producers of rubbish are held accountable eg coastal areas around Asia & India. It is really important that those with disabilities & serious medical conditions are consulted as this will have more impact on them than on healthy people, particularly if straws are banned as well.