

# 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**

No

**Notes**

They are not single use. They become bin liners, wet clothes bags, carry bags that are used over and over. I now have to buy plastic bags from the supermarket so it is a win win for them. You can't put soggy smelly rubbish in paper bags or wet clothes or anything you have to carry as they break. I know because I remember the frustration of broken paper bags as a child. You are starting at the wrong end of the problem. Start with Manufacturers and work from there not the consumers. It is akin to victim blaming.

**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?

**Notes**

On Waiheke they use rubbery type bags that are biodegradable. Why not change to those?

**Clause**

3. Are you aware of types of single-use plastic shopping bags that should be exempt from a mandatory phase out?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

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**Clause**

3a. If yes, what are they and why should they be exempt?

**Notes**

the rubbery biodegradable green ones that Countdown on Waiheke use. They should be exempt because the Retailer needs to be responsible and supply a way for us to carry our purchases home. Or they could use the swap a bag idea which Countdown use for deliveries where they bring your delivery in bags then next time you get a delivery you get it in new bags and the old ones are taken back so the same bags are being used over and over. They are good thick carry bags but not plastic.

**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**

same rules should apply to everyone

**Clause**

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?

**Notes**

I don't understand this question. Confusing

**Clause**

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**

If you have to do it then just get it done and stop messing around. I am sick of this subject dominating all media, There are more important things to spend Taxpayers money on like looking for cures for illnesses and educating our young.

**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**

No

**Notes****Clause**

9. Do you think that reasonably practicable alternatives to single-use plastic shopping bags exist in New Zealand? Why / why not?

**Position**

No

**Notes**

People will shop where they are taken care of. It will be detrimental to Retailers because if people take 3 bags as an example with them then they can't impulse buy and Research will probably say that a high % of purchases are impulse bought. If someone remembers at work that they need to buy certain things they won't be able as they probably won't have bags with them. People are not going to carry bags with them that take up space and weight if they don't intend shopping.

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

**Notes**

Bags to put purchases in.

**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)

**Notes**

Good luck with that one. These are humans we are talking about.

**Clause**

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**

I don't understand what you are looking for here

**Clause**

13. Please provide any additional comments or suggestions about the proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags.

**Notes**

Start at the top of the cliff not the bottom. Punish the Manufacturers for bathing all their products in plastic and leave the consumers alone. There are ways of using recycled plastic eg making public seating..picnic tables for parks..playhouses..remaking products needed instead of creating new plastic. You know that the winners here are all Manufacturers as they will make huge money providing re-usable bags and after a few months and things have settled down the prices for these alternate bags will start rising.

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