

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

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Submitter Type:

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 useful. I never use plastic bags for single use. They use less energy to make than alternatives

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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

Leave things as they are

Clause

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

Position

Not sure

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

Yes

Notes

Everyone should be exempt from this rule. They aren't the only source of waste and use less energy to make than alternatives

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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

No

Notes

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7a. If no, what do you think would be a more appropriate phase-out period?

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

20 years

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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

I have seen 3 studies that dispute there are any benefits of doing this whatsoever

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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

Notes

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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

I reuse single use plastic bags. I will now have to buy more to put the kids used nappies in. The ones I buy will truly be single use! What's the point!

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

Notes

Give people some types of other free bags that they could use for bin liners, nappies etc

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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

dont use silly global statements (eg there is xxx tonnes of plastic in the ocean, when it is obvious this didn't all come from plastic bags). Look at total energy usage, impact on climate change, etc when evaluating what this initiative has achieved

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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

Don't do it

You have elected to withhold your personal details from publication.