

Subject: FW: Submission on the proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags

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-----Original Message----- From: Sent: Thursday, 16 August 2018 5:12 p.m. To: Wastefree Subject: Submission on the proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags Dear Hon. Eugenie Sage, Great the Govt has banned single-use plastic bags. To be fair to all retailers, to see effective change in consciousness in all users, and to help the environment, it should be a blanket ban on ALL types and thicknesses of single use plastic bags, with no exemptions, unless a certain type of compostable bag proves to be genuinely compostable in a home compost heap. With this STOP sign, we need GO signs; practical support for new business initiatives that will provide employment via alternative products that do not harm the environment. For instance, funding for researching new, environmentally friendly ways to process and use harakeke? And a national 'crash-course' in 'Weave your own kete' ... At completion date, the ban should be celebrated as 'Stage 1 Done! - altering the public and industry to the fact that this is part of an ongoing programme to limit or ban other plastic items. Advertise what is 'Next on the list' ... Step by step we'll get there. Yours sincerely, Radha Wardrop