

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

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Sent:

Thursday, 16 August 2018 5:00 p.m. To: Wastefree Subject: Submission on the proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags Dear Hon. Eugenie Sage, This is a great step toward the decreased dependence on plastic, and one which I wholeheartedly support. What I would even more happily support is protection against the exploitation of loopholes with such supposed solutions as 'biodegradable' plastics, or 'compostable' plastics. As we all know, New Zealand doesn't have the facilities to process these kinds of plastics, which means they will break down in landfill in exactly the same manner that regular plastics do. On top of which, it creates an entirely false sense of 'doing the right thing'. This action must be truthful, and meaningful, or else we are displacing our responsibility with an unjustified sense of righteousness. We can be leaders on this issue and open up dialogue on the possibility of reducing our enforced dependence on other forms of plastic, such as P.E.T. bottles, and food packaging. Yours sincerely, Shaun McRoberts