

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

This website removed the line breaks in my text. See attached document "Plastic Bags Submission.pdf". Please email if this is not legible. ----- Disadvantaging all shoppers is a great cost and not sensible. ••• Plastic bags on our beaches and in forests is unacceptable. • How many bags actually end up littered? Wellington, The South Island and Auckland all look fine. • There is footage of sea filled with plastic bags and other rubbish. That can not be in New Zealand? • The Māori like litter, such as lots of shellfish shells on a beach, as life is safer where there are other persons around. • We could have a gps phone app based reward, like Geocaching: say I see some rubbish in the bush or a park around Wellington. I register the location with a reward though my credit card. Some teenagers or poor persons earn the reward by collecting the rubbish. I check that the rubbish has been collected and the money is transferred. • The problem may be with the landfills, presumably wind blows the bags, fix that. • Increase the penalties for littering. • Related: Regulate the plastics industry to stop them from polluting. ••• This bill is probably caused by the whales attacking our society. The talk of the bags ending up in the sea indicates the whales involvement. "Climate Change" is the whales attacking our industry. The whales caused the Great Depression. • Plastic bags should be placed in the sea, away from our coasts. The whales think they are jellyfish and [telepathically?] zap them repeatedly and may almost die. This is retaliation for their many attacks on Earth. • The whales are intelligent but inferior. Even with ≈40,000 times more brain cells they are way behind the humans. • This attack on our society must be in response to a dialog with the whale on Saturday the 21st of July 2018. It was open and honest and concluded that in order to continue progress and evolution the whales should all kill themselves. The whales have mathematics with huge values but do not have numbers. There as also violence in Cameroon the following day. • Of the nations with plastic bag bans: South Africa, Uganda, Somalia, Rwanda, Botswana, Kenya and Ethiopia are in Africa, the black race is controlled by the whales. The Chinese are not people. Bangladesh is backwards, allegedly had floods caused by plastic bag litter, they also routinely have building collapses. Italy and Brazil face invaders from Africa (Blacks under the whales). Parts of the Usa have also banned the bag: the Usa fights all enemies of the Human race, the whales are trying to burn their country at the moment, using Blacks. Related, the Mexican invaders are demons, another tool of a whale, they drive back the next day if removed, a wall is required. Parts of Australia also unfortunately have bans. • I had the whale and demons waste my time while writing this submission. • Why are whales so big? Because that is the best anchor for holding back the evolution ☺. ••• The human race owns the environment. Please apply intellect and continue our enjoyment of the gift of the lightweight plastic bag.

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?

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

Do not agree with mandatory phase out. See attached answer to question 1.

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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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Do not agree with mandatory phase out. See attached answer to question 1.

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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

Clause

5. Should smaller retailers be exempted from a mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags? Why / why not?

Position

Yes

Notes

If this happens going for a Sunday walk and visiting a dairy should not require that one purchases a reusable bag.

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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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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

Clause

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

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

As long as possible. ∞.

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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

See attached answer to question 1.

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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

The reusable bags take more resources to create and cost more.

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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

Do not ban single use bags.

You have elected to withhold your personal details from publication.

Supporting documents from your Submission

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