

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

I don't think the problem is single use plastic bags. This seems myopic. Have a look at ALL packaging. Potato chip packet convenience packs of 12s/18s etc. These use a lot of packaging. What about all the plastic (single use bottles) or even toothpaste caps (where apparently uses equivalent to 300 plastic bags per cap).

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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?

Position

Not sure

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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

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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

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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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No, this is not a good way to look at this. Do it based on area metres squared to allow corner dairies etc to have access to the plastic bags. If based on number of employees then this means family businesses who do not hire employees could say they only have one (or no employees) and become exempt.

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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

Yes

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If it has to happen then, yes.

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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

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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?

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No, people cannot afford the alternatives.

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

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Address all packaging etc also.

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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?

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Don't know

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

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Nil

You have elected to withhold your personal details from publication.