

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

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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

Not sure

Notes

Yes to ban, but also to plastic rubbish bags, bread bags, bin liners. Why stop at just single use plastic shopping bags. Make the suppliers accountable for their packaging. Force all supermarkets to offer their boxes to pack our groceries.

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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

All plastic - end of story. For thicker bags you have environmental friendly alternatives such as hemp etc.

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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

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

No

Notes

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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

Not sure

Notes

Shame it's not sooner

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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

Yes

Notes

People have known for a long time that plastic bags were not good for environment or the people. Government should be encouraging environmental friendly / organic alternatives and ensuring alternatives are available, in supply and affordable.

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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

Not sure

Notes

Yes - however as demand increases the prices should lower accordingly. Stop the greed and profit.

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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

People aren't dumb - stop wasting money on campaigns and apps for stupid things.

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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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Well if they aren't available - we'll survive. Make shops reuse their boxes for those that have forgotten bags. It's not a disaster. People will adjust in no time.

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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

Stop wasting money on such stupid things. If you have so much money to waste, direct it on cheaper alternatives for the every day folk.

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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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Just do it - without the money-wasting drama.