

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

Yes

Notes

The amount of pollution and risk to wild life and nature in general is tremendous. Let's go back to the old times when we carried fabric bags or weaved baskets/bags

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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

less than 70 microns in thickness

Notes

It should start with the thickest but it should become a total ban of single use plastic shopping bags, of any microns, eventually

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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

No

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

Because this is a commitment that needs everyone to participate. The less consumption and demand of plastic bags, should bring a "boom" of paper bags or reusable bags (if needed) Everyone should carry their own alternatives.

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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?

Notes

No idea.. i Don't agree with the exemption

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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

Notes

Should be "at the most" 6months, instead "at least"

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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

The impact will be massive and people will have to find alternatives to plastic. If it's mandatory, even people's behaviour will change. Monetary speaking: I think it will reduce the cost for shops to not have bags (as simple as that) And for people, it will change the mentality (it will take a while), getting use to reusable bags. It will save people money to start carrying their own bags instead of buying reusable bags each time. It will show people the value of money, waste, buying unnecessary things... it will create more conscious, besides looking after the environment

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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

Yes

Notes

Yes, no bags, fabric bags, string bags, paper bags, boomerang bags (which you can return), boxes, card boxes, your own backpack, purse...

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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

voluntary incentive schemes by individual retailers

Notes

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

Notes

BOOMERANG bags everywhere! Free, reusable, community focused.

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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

I can't think of anything now. Maybe having an option for people to make a claim against a business and that the business will be fined for these actions?

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

Notes

I think I said all I needed to say :)

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