

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

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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

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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

No

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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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9. Do you think that reasonably practicable alternatives to single-use plastic shopping bags exist in New Zealand? Why / why not?

Position

Yes

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Before plastic was invented new Zealand managed. Easy to bring own shopping bags (only issue would be probably the cost of this to poorer communities. Could have programmes run to help people make own shopping bags to help transition or run a campaign.

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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)

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national information campaign and mobile phone app for shoppers

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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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Probably have a convenient alternative

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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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I think we do need a ban, it's very important for the environment but it should be a starting point, not the end goal. I think we need to rethink the amount of non reusable waste in our country, and encourage businesses to change practices (for example would plastic bag ban mean that bread bagged in supermarkets would have to come in non- plastic?