

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

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**Submitter Type:**

**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**

Take a look around Taranaki Bridges leading out to sea the plastic off hay bales left to blow around, wrapped around bridge Pilar's and in small branches already to be washed out to sea in next big flood.

**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?

**Notes**

What about council rubbish bags, bin liners, disposable nappies? Shopping bags are a necessity

**Clause**

3. Are you aware of types of single-use plastic shopping bags that should be exempt from a mandatory phase out?

**Position**

No

**Notes**

Save the shopping bag. Either ban all plastic bags or one at all

**Clause**

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**

**Clause**

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**

500

**Clause**

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**

Ban plastic around hay bales first

**Clause**

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

**Position**

Other (please specify)

**Notes**

Once all other plastics have been stopped

**Clause**

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**

Ban council rubbish bags, disposable nappies, plastic around hay bales that farmers rip off and leave where they finish with it. Ban all plastic bags fill stop or none at all

**Clause**

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

**Position**

No

**Notes**

It's inconvenient and will increase in shop lifting which will end in price hikes

**Clause**

9a. If no, what do you think is missing currently that would need to be available?

**Notes**

Paper bags , jute bags

**Clause**

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**

I will buy plastic bin liners and keep a small roll of them in my handbag. I refuse to change until plastic around hay bales stops

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Plastic bin liners

**Clause**

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**

Regional councils

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Bigger fish to fry! I have endless photos of the damage plastic of hay bales are doing to the environment along with plastic drink bottles and disposable nappies littering our state highways. What about rubbish bags bin liners etc. I have encouraged everyone I talk to about the convenience of carry a small roll of bin liners in there hand bag to replace the bags you are banning.

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