

# 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

Yes

### Notes

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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

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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

The ban has to be for everyone the more we do it the faster people will go into the habit of using sustainable alternatives to plastic bags but if only some places do it will be confusing and misleading.

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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

They should not be 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

### Notes

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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**

This is a solution to a problem that will benefit us all long term this is taking stand to solve a problem that should have been solved years ago. However it should not cost a huge amount of tax payer third world countries have applied this ban with scare financial resources we can do it for sure.

**Clause**

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 I think they'd do exist but I believe that the government should support small business initiatives and subsidise this reusable bags to low descile households.

**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**

national information campaign and mobile phone app for shoppers

**Notes**

There has to be an option that is durable and compostable made from sustainable and planet friendly materials. So people will be able to use this for years. It is also important to make people aware not only of the resources used yo create a bag but talk more about what happens with the bags after being used and disposed.

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

**Notes**

More information about alternative products. Comunity events could be organized to bring people together and share the vision about a plastic free New Zealand. Where people spend time together while learning why should they stop using plastic bags. Weekly text reminders to take the reusable bags to the stores. And if plastic bags are suddenly not available in stores then people will definitely startvtonremember to use reusable bags or other alternatives.