

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

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Submitter Type: Individual

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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

We don't need single use plastic and we can live without it. The environment is more important than human convenience.

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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

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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

Notes

All plastic bags should go regardless of the size of the business.

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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

No

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I'm sure we can manage to do this sooner. The less plastic in landfills, the better.

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

Position

Other (please specify)

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3 months

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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 definitely. I personally have over 20 reuseable shopping bags, and they all work much better than plastic bags do. Not breaking, not cutting into hands when heavy, keeping chilled food cold etc. And the stretchy cotton bags that I have roll up and fit nicely into my handbag so I never forget to bring a bag. I currently have 6 reuseable bags in my handbag. There's no excuse for plastic bags really.

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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

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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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Nothing, we adjusted over a year ago now and I'm glad we did. But I honestly think that not having the option of plastic bags will help people to not forget their reuseable bags.

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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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Humans adapt, we always do.

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