

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

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### 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

University of Pennsylvania - "Grocery Bag Bans and Foodborne Illness" 2013 study, due to the increase risk of death and Er admissions for e-coli poisoning as seen and recorded through rigorous peer reviewed study of an increase of DEATH and admissions by up to 50-100% when San Francisco banned the bag. I find it appalling that no warnings to those who are elderly or have children with immunity issues has been mentioned by either the government or the corrupt media who today are virtually the same thing pushing for liberal causes. The most exposed are those people scanning the goods at the register handling bags with often dried blood in it from raw chicken run off and worse. In Australia they have had to bring bags back and put up signs stating no dirty bags allowed due to the risk. Some people are now taking home baskets and trolleys instead, often ending up in waterways at a great cost to the supermarket, environment and councils. Mostly older woman work the tills at supermarkets, absolutely vulnerable to all this extra bacteria brought in with dirty bags and containers. The germs it adds to the counter area for the general public is going to be horrific having dirty bags dragged across the bench non stop all day. Raw vegetables are in fact the most dangerous for carrying bacteria and often are put on the scanners un-bagged. Even worse if people bring their own containers. I also oppose this ban as its based on misinformation and a media campaign of lies that NZ even has a problem with plastic in the ocean. No figures have been shown, not even how much improvement will be made vs the cost including extra death and illness and inconvenience to the people. The health system is already under strain, can it cope with a 50-100% increase in foodborne illness? The vast majority of plastic comes from a handful of rivers in Asia and Africa and even the world surf league and national geographic have been caught using pictures from Indonesia and claiming its widespread. Staged photos have been debunked also of plastic in turtles mouths. Much like the false picture of a sick polar bear by National Geographic again they used falsely to claim as a result of climate change but was just sick. The virtue signaling PM has not cited any health advice for basing this decision on and I suspect has not sought any advice from the medical field endangering thousands of elderly and young children to potential death to fix something that isn't our problem but one of Asia and Africa. The u.s only contributes 1.4% of plastic waste in oceans, what we produce doesn't even fall into the margin of error. The facts do not stand up, this is a liberal media pushed activist anti democratic beat up and whitewash with actual real term harm for our most vulnerable as a result, even DEATH. We all saw what E-coli did to the water supply last year causing death and I find it utterly disgraceful none of you in government or the media are honest enough to address the clear risks and tell the truth about who actually is causing the pollution and the dangers of banning these bags will have on us all. The vast majority of plastic is by far fishing nets as well. This is a complete con for supermarkets to use morality to make profit while making things much much worse. My reusable bags used twice a week lasted six months then went in the rubbish. No where near the amount use to be carbon friendly in fact worse than if I have just used single use bags. Paper bags use more carbon and water to produce than plastic bags, another blatant contradiction by environmentalists that they in fact are increasing c02 to address plastic pollution conflicting utterly into a mess of hypocritical lunacy and lies. Hemp production and other plant production for bag materials also causes 25 times more sentient animal deaths to produce than red meat beef farming. This is ill conceived, pointless and based on lies and blatant omissions of real risks to our most vulnerable all for Jacinda to virtue signal at the U.N which she is using her time as PM to set herself up for a cushy "environmental" UN job when she is kicked out for this nanny state overbearing moronic decision. This also was not policy, has not gone to referendum, no one has voted for this like the oil industry ban and is based on just as much pseudo intellectual hack science and political virtue signalling as that was.

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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

Other (please specify)

### Notes

do not agree - vehemently oppose

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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

Yes

### Notes

all of them

**Clause**

4. Do you currently manufacture, sell, provide or import for sale or personal use these types of single-use plastic shopping bags:

**Position**

Yes - 50 microns or less in thickness

**Notes**

I now am stock piling bags from overseas for personal use, enough to last me a lifetime, more than I normally would use, net result this policy has already increased my intake of plastic bags being also this time not even any tax can be collected on those purchases from ebay. A small charge I would pay here for bags but you cant tax what you ban genius.

**Clause**

5. Should smaller retailers be exempted from a mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags? Why / why not?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

costs of everything will go up due to the paper option being more carbon heavy and expensive. If the greens get their carbon tax implemented all paper will then be taxed even more than plastic. More c02 produced as a result making no difference to the plastic islands floating in the ocean in Asia and Africa. The same ones environmentalists wont let them clean up those mass islands of plastic due to too much sea life living among it now.

**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**

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**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**

I reject the ban all together and time frame is meaningless as the policy is based on lies and obfuscation to enable a hack politician to virtue signal on the world stage.

**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**

There is no benefit whatsoever in real terms only ideologically as it FEELS GOOD. The increase of cost on customers with paper vs plastic. The extra c02 and water used to produce the paper options. The extra land needed to plant trees to be cut down causing more sentient animal death and loss of habitat for settled birds and mammals. The confirmed increase of death and illness due to e-coli poisoning exposing our most vulnerable the most. The increase production of heavier thicker plastic based reusable bags that are not being used near the amount to make them viable before being discarded damaged and dirty being a net loss of carbon and still ending up blowing around the place. The increase of plant based options like hemp causing 25times more sentient animal death than beef farming due to harvesting machines killing everything in the fields. No actual numbers have been presented that this government based its decision on except school letters form children pushed by their corrupt liberal SJW teachers, just anecdotal guesses by activist environmental groups and emotional blackmail far to partisan and ideologically driven to be taken seriously yet that is what this government has done and has based this decision they did not run on at the election on with.

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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**

No

**Notes**

bio bags are pointless if we cant compost them and separate them. Reusable bags do more harm than good. There is no soft plastic recycling which is in fact what this government should actually be doing not banning things based on ideological principles not scientific fact. Paper uses more carbon and water and need trees to be cut down. No on is having no liner on their bins or using newspaper that eventually will become obsolete also being a heavy drain on the environment and carbon and is not a viable option anymore than say using your pubic hair to knit reusable tampons. We are a modern society and reverting back to the middle ages is not a solution. The answer is landfill and recycle plants, bury them deep or use options like the plastic concrete guy who can turn plastic unwashed into gravel for concrete making. He will need all this plastic that is being banned. The other option is open cast

mines, fill them with processed plastic waste, mark with gps, as oil gets scarce recycling will become profitable and future generations with new technology can mine that plastic and reuse over and over with profit making it viable.

**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**

Other (please specify)

**Notes**

You cant because they break easily, get dirty with life threatening e-coli bacteria, get lost, thrown out during house moving etc. My last bags lasted six months used twice a week before being thrown out to the tip. The cooler bags are even worse breaking down in sunlight if left in your car. Its a complete lie that they are better. Unless you are going to run a propaganda campaign and lie to people you cant, however already that has been the tactic from this government. Be warned, light bulbs ended Helen Clark, this will end Jacinda Ardern. The public do not want this, it was not ran on at the election and no referendum has been used past dodgy media polls with slanted questions as much as this dodgy form you present for consultation that very clearly attempts to steer submitter's down the path pushed by this government, you are all a complete disgrace to democracy all of you .

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Im not going to adjust, I will and have already imported my own bags with two lifetimes worth. I suspect black power and co will start a black market for them because bans always go so well dont they? worked great on synthetic cannabis.

**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**

It does not matter what number you count as being new bags when you cant track where they end up being you can not possibly track where all the bags end up when you can not even site what % of plastic waste is ours and what % of climate and good will be done vs the inconvenience, cost , increased carbon for paper production and risks of health including DEATH this puts on us. How do you tell a plastic bag with no logo on it is ours? you cant, this is pseudo intellectually a logical fallacy to claim you can correlate those figures. Like climate change it will be half arsed guesses based on nonsense

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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 vehemently oppose this ill conceived stupid move. I will not comply and will live my life without governmental interference and will supply my own plastic bags based on all the reasons I have made above and which all have been left out of the discussion by lying bureaucrats and media hell bent on forcing the new world order of progressive liberalism. This is all based on lies, mistruths and personal ideology's of leftist lunatics. One death is to many and the blood of those who suffer, young children with immunity disorders and the elderly will be on the hands of Jacinda Ardern, the media and the rest of the virtue signalling dangers to all of us that currently infect our parliament. What measures have they taken to monitor increases of foodborne illness at ER's and Dr offices? the answer is none because they dont want to know, have ignored empirical evidence that its dangerous to ban them and Jacinda has not sought any advice on the health risks this ban poses instead focusing on false narratives and feelings not logic backed by empirical evidence.

Supporting documents from your Submission

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