

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

Notes

We need to start somewhere and this is a great start

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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?

Notes

There needs to be a complete ban otherwise people will bend the rules.

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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

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

We can all carry reusable bags in our car or on our person no need for single use bags any more. Other countries can do it so can we!

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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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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

This has been in the pipeline for a long time many people have already started to change it needs to be short sharp and efficient. Otherwise people will lag and find reasons to extend.

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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

What is the cost on the planet if we continue on this trajectory?

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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

There are so many options for reusable bags there are no excuses. I use mine when I remember but if it were mandatory I'd remember ALL the time. It's the only option

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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

Notes

People will soon use reusable we need to take away the convenience of single use and have no other option except reusable then people have no choice but to change. Like rationing in the war. Or the Great Depression. It's hard at first but we will get through. Our planet depends on changes such as these.

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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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The government making a decision, enforcing it and sticking to it. We are creatures of habit who don't like change but if there are no other choices we are incredibly resilient and can adapt.

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12. How can data on single-use plastic shopping bags and other single-use plastics entering the market and monitoring of reductions be improved?

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Retailers / suppliers could be responsible for disposal or collection of the said items like in Germany or other European countries.

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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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In the words of Nike - Just Do it!