

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

Yes

Notes

yes, I totally agree with proposal as it's well needed for country's waste free future. Biodegradable plastics can be an alternative to single use plastics as it doesn't harm nature.

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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

I believe any plastics above 50 microns thickness can be recycled.

Clause

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

Position

Not sure

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

No, From what I have read, planet earth is going to reach a irreversible stage in terms of global warming by 2035, if we continue our attitude towards nature. Let the change begin from NZ.

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

Yes

Notes

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

Yes

Notes

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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

*Using paper bags instead of single use plastics *Spreading awareness among people to start a bring your bag culture in NZ. *Even dairy shops can prepare some bags for customers, who forgets to bring their bags, for a sum of money, which'll be refunded when customer returns the bag.

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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

national information campaign and mobile phone app for shoppers

Notes

*Government should take initiatives to spread awareness to our population about the impacts of using single use plastics. And the same time, should encourage people to begin a bring your bag culture.

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

Notes

*Remembering to bring bags/baskets while going for shopping.

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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?

Notes

best way is to liaise with manufacturers/retailers of single use plastics.