

Subject: RE: One-Use Plastic Bag management proposal

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Kia ora/ greetings

Thank you very much for taking the time to make a submission on the proposed mandatory phase out of single use plastic shopping bags.

A summary of all submissions will be provided to Cabinet in late October 2018 to support their final decision regarding this proposal. Cabinet will also decide on publication of consultation results, and we will update you as soon as we can.

If you want to keep up to date with developments in this area and have not already done so, please do subscribe to our email list (go to "Stay informed" in the right margin at

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/consultation/plasticshoppingbags>).

Ngā mihi mahana/ warm regards

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Good Morning, I agree with the plastic one-use ban, but this immediately impacts some peoples employment and there is a work right issue, I propose something different, I think that the plastic bags can have a high tax (example two dollars) that the government could use from polluters to invest in the technology to make the plastic bags highly degradable even in water, it this degrades in water the carbon components would be available for the sea life and this would be a source of food and would be an input in the food chain, the money also could be invested in one plastic bag management program that could start with a place in supermarkets to put plastic bags back to be reused or treated. This high tax encourages people no to use plastic bags, and when people can afford it, the tax that the polluters are paying would help to solve the problem, so this is the case " If you pollute you pay".

I hope this proposal to be analyzed to be a different alternative to cut employment in the plastic bag sector that could be developed towards a high degradable plastic bag sector.

Thank you for reading my proposal,

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