

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

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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

Would prefer to have both banned

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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

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

Yes

Notes

Everyone should regardless of how big or small their company's are

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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?

Notes

0 everyone should get rid of bags regardless

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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

Not sure

Notes

The sooner the better but I understand that govt. Can only work so fast with getting regulations and legislations put into place

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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

Can you put a price on saving the place we live on? No monetary costs should ever hold back regulations in saving our "clean green" NZ or our planet.

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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

Reusable shopping bags e.g. black ones from pak n save or don't have bags use the cardboard boxes that supermarkets no longer need.

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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

Other (please specify)

Notes

Options 3 & 4 AND also making plastic bags ridiculously expensive and or giving an incentive for people to hand in plastic bags e.g swapping 10 plastic bags for a reusable one OR JUST TAKING THEM OUT COMPLETELY

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

Notes

We already live plastic free

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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

Making sure that every plastic bag that is sold is counted for and for people to count the data of one's just floating around

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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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JUST GET RID OF THEM! IN THE LONG TERM IT WILL SAVE YOU AND THE GENERATIONS TO COME. WE NEED TO STOP THINKING SHORT TERM AND MAKE SOME LONG TERM CHANGES IN OUR WORLD AND IN OUR COUNTRY TO SAVE US AND OUR PLANET