

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

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Submitter Type: Individual

### 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

It's good for the environment, plastic is killing our oceans and wildlife

### Clause

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

ban as much plastic as possible.

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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

### 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

Exceptions give room for people to lobby and argue their way out. It creates confusion for the uneducated consumer on why some shops still have plastic bags and why some others don't.

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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

It is a sufficient amount of time for businesses and individuals to adapt

**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**

YES. Monetary loss is temporary, our environment is forever and we shouldn't be putting a price on what it takes to save it.

**Clause**

9. Do you think that reasonably practicable alternatives to single-use plastic shopping bags exist in New Zealand? Why / why not?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

\$1 reusable bags at Countdown carry as much as at least 2 plastic bags worth, and jute bags are sturdy and long lasting and available at most large supermarkets

**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**

voluntary incentive schemes by individual retailers

**Notes**

incentive schemes, prizes like New World's latest campaign for people using reusable bags

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Cheap reusable bags in first stages of ban, then made more expensive later on as a way to make people remember them