

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

Alan Pettersen, **Alan Pettersen**

Reference no: 587

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

They are strangling our nature so rapidly we must just get rid of them now.

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?

Notes

I do not agree with a phase out. It should just be bang and gone

Clause

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

Position

No

Notes

Forget a phase out. Just do it

Clause

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

Clause

5. Should smaller retailers be exempted from a mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags? Why / why not?

Position

No

Notes

Definitely not. We are all in this to clean up and give nature's creatures a chance to regenerate and grow again

Clause

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

Should not be exempted at all

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

No

Notes

Now is the hour. Why the tardy response to a no brainer?

Clause

7a. If no, what do you think would be a more appropriate phase-out period?

Notes

Immediately. To be practical 1 month and no more

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).

Notes

Benefits will flow to the creatures as well as to the people. Show some strong leadership and 99% of people will follow with a smile.

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

Of course. Boxes, paper bags, sustainable cloth bags. This is a ridiculous debate if you stand back from it. Any thinking person knows what is the right thing to do. Just get rid of them. This is not a big deal for a human, surely. But it is life or death thing for the creatures - mammals and birds threatened. .

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

national information campaign and mobile phone app for shoppers

Notes

Take a clear stand and show some leadership

Clause

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

Notes

Strong leadership that takes a stand and just does it. People will adapt very fast, no doubt. Humans and cockroaches are the most adaptable creatures on this planet!

Clause

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

Count the people outside the supermarkets.

Clause

13. Please provide any additional comments or suggestions about the proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags.

Notes

Please just get on with it. It isn't a huge political issue that needs endless consultation. Remember the return to the turning right give-way rule change a few years ago? Done overnight and everyone just follows. Just do it!!!