

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 50 microns in thickness

Notes

Less is best

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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

No

Notes

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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

No consumers need to take responsible actions and plan shopping trips.. use recycling ie cardboard boxes

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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

No

Notes

Should be quicker phase in time ie countdown papakura did a 2 week countdown and people are taking in plastic bins..cardboard boxes..buying reusable bags.. Pak n save already offer alternative boxes . New world have had promotions giving away reuseable bags.

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

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1 month just get on with it.

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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

Countdown offer free replacement of their reusable bags Cardboard boxes are free and can be reused ie buy box of 2 LTr drinks and reuse box or recycle.. Our business does not buy packaging we reuse bubble wrap...boxes...polystyrene..its easy and free.. Plenty of charity shops get donated unwanted bags..shops will offer free reusable bags to promote their branding so free bags will be available.

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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

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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

voluntary incentive schemes by individual retailers

Notes

New world offer a discount when using your own bag.. Canvas bags last years Surely there are already plenty of stocks worldwide

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

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Free bags ...discounts reusing bags... Just knowing helping the environment ..feel good feeling

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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?

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Retailers such as pak n save and Warehouse would have data on sales as have been charging 10c per bag so already coded in their computer system...

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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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Do it now.. dont delay