

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

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Submitter Type: Individual

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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

We need to more responsible in our everyday actions, that is what is going to make change and the government needs to initiate that.

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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

Other (please specify)

Notes

All plastic bag thicknesses.

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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

All dingle use plastic

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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

Everyone needs to do there part and i think this will make it a more community thing.

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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

Paper bags

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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

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

Environment is everything. And our love for it as kiwis generates money for our people.

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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

No

Notes

Paper bags are easy but we need to start change.in people being aware of there waste abd plastic usage.

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9a. If no, what do you think is missing currently that would need to be available?

Notes

Paper bags, though it has its own issues. Encourage people to be prepared always and carry reusable bags with them wherever they go. Pleade include produce bags from this ban. Convienience is what is killing this planet.

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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

national information campaign and mobile phone app for shoppers

Notes

C and D. We must learn the importance of living minimally and refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and rot. We must take responsibility for our impact on the environment even if it doesn't seem to do much we need to make this social change in our current ways. Lets lead the world, plastic free and more small farm organics. Not more cows on less grass.

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

Notes

If everyone participates. More initiative to other plastics, produce bags, cutlery, take out containers. Businesses focus on initiatives to bringing our own containers to places. Less plastic on produce and more recycling. Compost bins supplied. Teaching people what happens to these items and the simple eay of dealing with these things.

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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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Make a law that encourages businesses to be environmentlly savy.

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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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Please take it a step further and ban other plastics and reduce produce plastics. Can, glass and plastic bottle deposit at supermarkets. Educate to people what hapens with all the waste. Government funded compost bins.

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