

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

**Reference no:** 5931

**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**

**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**

I dont think thicker plastic bags should be used to replace thin ones, we should make the switch to paper bags

**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**

**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**

This has to be a collective effort so everyone has to play ball with the ban

**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**

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**

It is a step in the right direction and could help encourage the social attitudes to become more environmentally friendly. I think money wise it will be initially more expensive for places to buy paper - however in the long run they will save more by not buying the sheer

amount of plastic bags required each year and hopefully consumers will bring their own reusable bags - it will become normal.

**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**

Absolutely! We have so much fabric waste, why not up-cycle old clothes into bags, I know of a few people doing this and taking workshops. Not to mention there are plenty of alternatives on the market, backpacks, hemp bags, kete, cardboard boxes and fabric bags

**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**

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Maybe more information on which "sort" of bag is the best? most environmentfriendly? or encourage people to make their own bags/hold workshops- if people make it themselves and take the time they will be more likely to keep using it over and over (becomes personal)

**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**

Unsure, not enough knowledge here sorry

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