

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

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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

They should all go

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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?

Notes

No exemptions

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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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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

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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

Plastic is one of the big ecological problems the planet faces

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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

Fabric bags all over. Kete is an option too. Need more plantings of Harakeke

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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

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

Notes

Supermarkets can use boxes. Used to get groceries in a box. Now they flattened and thrown away. Waste

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

Notes

Single use plastic bags are a good start. The real problem is packaging on products. Particularly from China. Consumers can make a choice , but yhey don't actually have much choice in the marketplace. Govt needs to bring pressure to bear on producers such as Tarrifs and contractual arrangements.

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