

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

**Reference no:** 6022

**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**

Other (please specify)

**Notes**

All single use plastic 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**

No single use bags should be exempt

**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**

One rule for everyone - ban the single use bags for 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**

Yes

**Notes**

A shorter timeframe would be better but no longer than 6 months

**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**

Single use bags are bad for the environment getting rid of them completely solves that part problem. Bags are just the beginning but we have to start somewhere. People will complain but its not that hard to carry a reusable bag.

**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**

There are many types of reusable bags available, supermarkets also supply cardboard boxes. Paper bags can be purchased if required. Newspaper can be used at home for bin liners etc

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

We are already single use plastic bag free. The change was not hard but while people have the option they will always continue to use the single use bags.

**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**

Don't worry about measuring how many we use and reduce - we already know that we use too many - just ban them completely and be done with it

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Don't phase them out - pick a date - ban the bags!

**You have elected to withhold your personal details from publication.**