

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

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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

No

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?

Notes

I do not agree with any phase out

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

Yes

Notes

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

No

Notes

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

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

I don't believe in any phase out or the non use of plastic bags. They are a useful means of carrying groceries, rubbish disposal etc and if disposed of sensibly would not cause issues. How do bags get into the sea/ coastlines - this is a disposal issue, not whether plastic bags should be banded. Are Council rubbish bags going to be banded as well? How do bags sent to a landfill end up in the sea/along coastlines - lets look at that first and how this can be managed.

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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).

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Of course it will add to cost for the individual having to purchase alternative carry bags. It will also take away the convenience of using plastic bags.

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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

See above

Clause

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

Notes

another form of bag that are free to the consumer.

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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)

Notes

Waste of time

Clause

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

Notes

I would'nt

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

I would not waste your time, just adds to the cost.

Clause

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

Notes

I dont agree with the phase out, nor with the wording of the questions in this survey which is biased toward the phase out. I have completed this survey on the basis that I will not be named. There is no box to tick as indicated below.

You have elected to withhold your personal details from publication.