

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

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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

All Plastics are very harmful to our environment and even if recycled will always be just another piece of plastic which will eventually break and and up polluting our planet!

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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

less than 70 microns in thickness

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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 plastic (packaging) is harmful and should not be produced anymore!! It just adds to peoples confusion, all those specific materials which should not end up in landfill anyway.

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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

Strange question considering the world is drowning in plastic. Why shouldn't smaller retailers do their bit to try and save our massive pollution problem??

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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?

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Not applicable!

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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

No

Notes

There should be an immediate ban and no more delays!! We have been way to slow compared to other countries to try and implement a ban on plastic bags! It is high time we get started as plastic bags are only the tip of the iceberg of this catastrophic pollution of our world!!

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

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

Today!!!! Immediately! No more messing around!!

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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

It is not all about money here, we are trying to save the animals which are dying of a cruel death inflicted by human plastic pollution, (just one example). Time we spend some money to fix the damage we have done to our dying planet!! This is not a business solution we need here!! Of course the benefits exceed the cost!!!!

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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

Of course!!!! People lived all their lives without plastic only a short time ago. Our family has been is living plastic free for 2 years now. It is no hardship at all, the contrary!!

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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

Other (please specify)

Notes

Just stop handing out shopping bags all over the place multi use or not!! People will soon remember bringing their own if they are caught out!! Or highly price any sort of shopping bag, eg. \$15.00 or more, that might teach them too!!! How ridiculous can this become?? Can't people look after their own needs, do they have to be babysat for every move!!! If I go shopping I need to bring appropriate gear to take my shopping home, how simple is this?? If I go tramping, do a need I backpack to put my gear in,.....??

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

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/we do not need to adjust to this as we have always been using our own multiple years use shopping bags!! No big deal!! / we are already living and embracing this life to the full!! Zero waste!!!

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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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What weird question is this?? Just bloody ban all of those horrible bags then you have your data!! Zero Bags in NZ!!!!

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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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No more bullshitting around!! We have waited for too long already and can not afford to wait anymore, the state our planet is in!!!! Just pleeeeeeease get on with it!!!!!! Why is this sooooo difficult and taking sooooo long??? All this talk and bureaucracy for something so simple, unbelievable! How complicated and detached from nature have people become, it is scary? We can't wait for those silly bags to go (where will they go??) As said before, those ridiculous shopping bags are only the tip of the iceberg in terms of the horrendous plastic pollution we have to deal with. I would like to see ALL PLASTIC PACKAGING, STYROFOAM and all other toxic and harmful products....., (too many to list here) be banned sooner than later for the sake of our own health, the innocent animals dying a cruel death of human inflicted pollution, simply for the planet to start recovering from the world wide pollution. We all need to stop polluting

fro the sake of our children and grandchildren too!!!!