

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

Should impose a mandatory charge on the bags so they are only used when needed. The multi use bags now being introduced appear to be more environmentally harmful than landfilled single use bags so we will cause more harm by forcing these multi use bags into wider use. Single use bags into landfill appear less damaging than multi use bags Should ban degradable bags but not biodegradable if the biodegradable are supported with appropriate compositing facilities

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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

Yes

Notes

truly biodegradable bags if there is also compositing facilities. Should still impose a mandatory charge to help encourage minimum use & re-use

Clause

3a. If yes, what are they and why should they be exempt?

Notes

biodegradable bags accompanied by facilities to compost

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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

Clause

5. Should smaller retailers be exempted from a mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags? Why / why not?

Position

No

Notes

Retailer type/size has nothing to do with the environmental burden. To treat retailers differently appears discriminatory & anti-competitive

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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

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

No

Notes

See above. There appears to be greater environmental cost associated with the heavier/multi use bags & encouraging greater use of these shifts problems around not solves them

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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**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

Other (please specify)

Notes

If they are expensive enough they will be re used. If cheap then consumers will be careless with them

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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 will to buy rubbish bags at probably the same volume