

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

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Submitter Type:

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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

No

Notes

I use them to as part of my ostomy disposal, and we use them as bin liners. so always double use

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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

don't agree full stop

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

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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

Yes - more than 50 microns and less than 70 microns in thickness?

Notes

I have stockpiled enough bags to last me 10 years + , and they will now be single use. So sad

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4a. If yes, please explain how a phase out would be likely to impact on you.

Notes

I will now become a single use bag user

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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

Yes

Notes

I may need more bags

Clause

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?

Notes

less than 20

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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

shouldn't be phased out. full stop

Clause

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

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

50 years

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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

No

Notes

always going to cost more in terms of \$ and carbon usage etc

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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

they all cost way more in terms of \$ and environment impact

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

Notes

common sense

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

take to long

Clause

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

Notes

I don't have single use bags all my plastic bags are double use. new legislation will make me a single use user!

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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?

Notes

Make them so that they self dissolve over a week.

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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

Pity I have to resort to single use but so be it - have stockpiled 3000 bags for single use.

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