

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

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### Submitter Type:

#### 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

I dont agree with a phase out period. There has almost already been a phase out period with discussions on the subject on the media. I think a phase out is unnecessary - just do it.

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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 think they should ALL be phased out. Plastic is plastic - whether it be single use or multiple...it all ends up in landfill eventually.

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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

Why are you emempting certain plastic bags?

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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

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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

i dont know why you are having a phase out period as most people are aware that its coming anyway. If people forget their bags once, they wont again...there are plenty of other options apart from plastic.

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

#### Position

Other (please specify)

#### Notes

None...see above.

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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**

Why is there going to be a cost in phasing them out. Apparently they will have 6 months to use up their stock - then dont reorder any more....

**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 plenty of options to plastic bags, all supermarkets now sell shopping bags made of hessian or material (those plastic ones should be banned as well) and other shops sell many options from little fold up ones you can put in your bag to larger ones to keep in your car.

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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**

They probably wont because people are generally lazy which is why if you are having a phase out period you must charge a large amount for them to discourage them from buying another one...perhaps \$1 or \$2 a bag at least. It wouldnt take long for people to remember to bring their own.

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

**Notes**

Nothing - I dont use them as it is. I always have plenty in my car and one folded up in my bag as do my children.

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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**

Have some courage and stop the constant "monitoring" and just ban them - please~

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

I just think the phase out is pandering to the lazy population - see other notes above. We could be at the forefront of a plasticless society but instead we are way behind other countries.