

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

Do it quickly so that people start thinking "own bags". Dragging it out won't work, people are lazy and won't if they don't need to

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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

Any single use bags regardless of thickness

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

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

'One ring to rule them all' thank you Tolkien

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

Irrelevant . Phasing out should be done at the same time for all

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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

six months more of plastic crap! Are you serious

Clause

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

Position

two months

Notes

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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

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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

When I first arrived in 1981 from the uk. Brown paper bags were the usual checkout bag. In the uk even now, most people take their own multi use bags

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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

If bags aren't provided at checkout. People will soon remember to bring their own bag with them. Reusable bags should be expensive enough so that people don't think oh well it's only 3\$.

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

Notes

I use my own bags anyway and have always done so when I can. Habituation and early use from childhood up gets you to be an own bag 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

Well it took huge tax increases and gruesome photos on cigarette packets to slow down cigarette sales.....

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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

A few pertinent pictures of the reality of our plastic oceans and plastic mountains. It's very hard to think larger than the six or so bags a week that one family accumulates. Show one family's worth multiplied by a rubbish collectors load? Etc