

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

Yes

Notes

Because we need to act now to ensure a healthy clean planet for our children and future grandchildren. New Zealand is way behind we need to get our act together and reduce our plastic and general waste and find good ways to handle it all ourselves.

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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

All plastic bags of all weights and thicknesses we don't need them. We are capable of adapting and there were times when we didn't even have them.

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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

Anything necessary for hygiene or medical purposes

Clause

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

No one should be exempt there is no reason why all retailers should be

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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?

Notes

I don't think they should be exempt at 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

Why dose it need to be that long why can't retailers use there current stocks and that's it? Give them 3 months that should be plenty. People will get used to it and it doesn't matter when we start it people will still complain

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

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

3 months

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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

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

Notes

Nothing we are all capable of doing it it's not a big deal and it will become the norm if there is no other option

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