

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

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Submitter Type: Individual

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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

It is PEOPLE that need educating about disposing properly not the bags fault it ends up in a fish! Education of the people is the long term benefit for generations to come and NOT banning the obstacle; cigarette butts end up in fish also why not ban those??

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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

EDUCATE PEOPLE RE DISPOSAL AFTER USE!!

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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

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

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HAVE YOU NOT READ ABOVE?

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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

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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

Because I think ALL retailers should be exempt.

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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?

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You're joking right?

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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

No mandatory 'phase-out' is required public EDUCATION is!!

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

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

No period at all.

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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).

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Plastic bags are not the problem that needs sorting..it's the morons that throw them away!

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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?

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I don't want an alternative I want us humans to take responsibility for our actions.

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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)

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You want to re-train people to adjust to this scenario but not re-train them to dispose properly?

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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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A win on lotto.

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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?

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Oh pleeeeeeease!!!

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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 bag doesn't end up in the ocean on it's own, people throw them there. You can't cure a problem unless you attack the symptom and the 'symptom' is humans- educate them properly and the problem goes away - but I guess that's just too hard so just BAN something huh?