

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

They damage the environment on land as well as ocean. They are unnecessary to us. This should apply to ALLplastics as we must find alternatives NOW.

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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 plastics including fruit and veg bags, wrapping on meat and fish, trays for meat and fish and all unnecessary wrapping on all products. Plastic bottles also need to wiped out. There are alternatives.

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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

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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

If they embrace the ban they need not be hurt by it. People will learn very quickly to always provide their own containers or have to buy reusable ones in the store. Having to spend to look after the environment then becomes the choice. Forgetfulness / carelessness will hurt. No. This should not happen

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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

No, this should not happen. WHY SHOULD THEY BE ALLOWED TO CARRY ON DEVASTATING THE ENVIRONMENT?

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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

They could do it much sooner than this as the UK AND Australia did. Make a decision, tell people, provide a week or 10 days of GIVING bags to the public or make very cheap. Sell @cost for a longer period and do not provide a choice.

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

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

Almost immediate. How long does it take a point of sales to order and receive a viable alternative.

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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

Other countries UK have been bag free for years. Observation, younger people with children are the ones who now pay for their heavier duty plastic bags and tend not to reuse. Needs supporting with educational campaign.

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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

But people need educating and need to become mindful of shopping practices. Bagless fruit and veg. Webbing or netting bags. Own Containers

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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)

Position

national information campaign and mobile phone app for shoppers

Notes

Education all the way through social media to get the young people and mums on board. Children. Give bags in school, to take home. Make them responsible for remembering. Teach and informinfluenceenforce.

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

Notes

It is not hard we have done it. Now we need to consider plastic bottles, the meat and fish counter and excessive wrapping on any processed, packaged good. I buy almost none. Putting the bags by the door (or in the car) best way to remember them.

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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

At the point of entry into the end user market place. Supermarkets and food sellers must take responsibility for what they release for profit into the environment. Manufactures and point of sales should be held responsible.

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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

Take bags off this proposal do it for all SINGLE USE PLASTICS. We must find a way. NOW.