

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

It is just not okay anymore to use plastic this way, we are ruining Mother Earth for our children and grandchildren

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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 should be faded out, be as radical as possible

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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

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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

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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

Smaller retailers are probably easier to introduce recycled bags and bring your own bag.

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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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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

Not sure

Notes

The quicker the better

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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

What can possibly be more beneficial than getting rid of them? There is already a steady market with reusable bags and local initiatives with boomerang bags and bags made out of reused banners and other items. The time is right for the change!

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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

See above, simply not offering plastic as an option takes a change of mind set, we are reaching a tipping point where there are more and more people realising we need to do this.

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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

voluntary incentive schemes by individual retailers

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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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We are already using reusable bags and line our kitchen bin with newspaper to adjust to not having the bags available. We are also cutting out other plastics by using products that come without plastic containers or bags as much as we can

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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

Single use plastic bag producers need to review their business and offer more sustainable products as they will go out of business. The current climate of consumers does not support petroleum based product as strong as perhaps 5-10 years ago. More media attention around affects on our precious planet have opened up the climate for change

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

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Let it be the start of fasting out single use of anything petroleum based. Let's fase it, we are running out of oil, we need to change yesterday!