

Subject: RE: Submission on the proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags

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Kia ora/ greetings Thank you very much for taking the time to share your views on the proposed mandatory phase out of single use plastic shopping bags. A summary of all submissions will be provided to Cabinet in late October 2018 to support their final decision on this proposal. Cabinet will also decide on publication of consultation results, and we will update you as soon as we can. If you want to keep up to date with developments in this area and have not already done so, please subscribe to our email list (go to "Stay informed" in the right margin at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/consultation/plasticshoppingbags>). If you have asked a question rather than made a submission with your email, please be patient as our priority at this time is to process the submissions. You may ask questions to the Ministry for the Environment any time directly to info@mfe.govt.nz Ngā mihi mahana/ warm regards wastefree@mfe.govt.nz 0800-499-700 or +64 4-439-7400 -----Original Message----- From:

Sent: Thursday, 16 August 2018 2:42 PM To: Wastefree Subject: Submission on the proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags Hi Eugenie, Great work on the recent decision to phase-out the single-use plastic bags. However, this must include a ban on fake solutions, such as lightweight boutique bags, "emergency bags" and particularly so called 'multi-use' plastic bags. It's worth noting that a friend in the plastic industry recently informed me that for each re-useable plastic bag you can manufacture 143 single-use bags, so these are obviously not a smart alternative! There should be no exceptions to the ban on the use of plastics, and assistance should be made available for businesses to use paper or composite bags constructed from recycled material. Yours sincerely, Richard Hallam