

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

Yes

Notes

But you must also phase out & ban chupa chup lollipops & straws both are plastic sticks- of which I pick up off the beach & parks everyday whilst walking my dog.

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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

Ban all single use shopping & fruit bags regardless of microns or thickness! Even biodegradable bags can entangle fish & wildlife or be eaten and enter our food chain.

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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

It's not enough ALL single use plastic.

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

Notes

No exceptions no exemptions set an example & a precedence make a difference & quickly.

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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

No

Notes

No exemption - 1 rule for all please.

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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

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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

Yes

Notes

Although 3 months would be ideal we all have to be realistic.

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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

Not sure

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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

Not sure

Notes

Business know this is coming- can purchase with personalised rebranding on sustainable paper cardboard etc within six months.

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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

Other (please specify)

Notes

To also take responsibility & purchase re usable fabric shopping bags now. I'm sure Karen walker, Zambezi, world can all create ultra trendy re usable shopping bags for the rich.

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

Notes

We all say no to straws, have fabric shopping bags in the boot of our cars-saying no to retailers providing our own bag for clothing & shoe purchases. Have & use re usable coffee cups at a multitude of businesses esp if taking out. It's simple & easy to transition.

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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

Remind people to be proud of their home environment/city/ country! 79,000 immigrants treat NZ as their country of birth & discard rubbish where they stand it so upsetting to see. (Proud 5th generation NZer)

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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

No I've said enough.

You have elected to withhold your personal details from publication.