

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

YES absolutely! I wanted it years ago! New Zealand is VERY slow at doing anything about Plastic compared to many other countries who started in the 1990s. We are a joke.

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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 bags MUST go-we can easily cope without them!

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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

And I am absolutely against any exemptions! Also plastic bags are only the beginning of what has to go-plastic BOTTLES next

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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,NO,NO

Clause

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

Should be much shorter. New Zealanders have had years of information in their everyday life about the effects of plastic bags on our environment and the vast majority has taken NO responsibility-NOW they have to be treated like a naughty child and it taken away from them straight away before they cause any further damage. I am embarrassed to say I am a New Zealander!

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

Position

two months

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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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I dont care about any costs-WE NEED TO DO THIS-our environment is priceless.

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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

Paper and cloth bags.

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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)

Notes

While phasing out the plastic bags should be removed from all fruit and vege and replaced with paper now. The cost of any plastic bag should instantly(like today) cost at least \$1.00 each-maybe when peoples pockets are hit they may understand and change!!

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

Notes

We do this already.

Clause

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

Not sure. I think the focus should be on getting rid of all single use plastic. Please try to get builders to stop covering their entire building with thick plastic!!!

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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

The sooner the better and this is the first of many plastics we need to phase out yesterday!