

# Your submission to Proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags

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**Submitter Type:** Individual

### Clause

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

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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

less than 50 microns in thickness

### Notes

I dont agree with mandatory phase out , we must move much quicker and seek alternative options like plant based materials , please incentivise those companies that are willing to explore these options

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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

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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

blanket ban straight away , that way we will have people come up with some amazing ideas on how to replace these items .....looking forward not backwards

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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

Not appropriate .....

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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

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

**Position**

two months

**Notes****Clause**

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 costs do you see being related to a phase out .....i only see companies that produce plastic bags having costs related to closing those down .....where do you see other costs ? the cost to our environment is certainly worth paying a price for easy carrier bags .

**Clause**

9. Do you think that reasonably practicable alternatives to single-use plastic shopping bags exist in New Zealand? Why / why not?

**Position**

No

**Notes**

not enough investment in development costs to research alternatives like Hemp bags , or plant based items , if we gave a subsidy to companies that are willing to explore these then we will come up with options thats are much more environmentally friendly .

**Clause**

9a. If no, what do you think is missing currently that would need to be available?

**Notes**

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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

**Notes****Clause**

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

**Notes**

we already do we only buy what we can carry , or we take shopping bags with us we also only buy the fruit and vegies that are not in plastic .....it then becomes a habit

**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**

surely you must be able to gauge from what the supermarkets are purchasing from their suppliers semms as they are worst offenders , thus by monitoring the purchases you can ascertain a huge reduction on them in our environment ...what tonnage of waste are they creating

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Dont stop there , please please regulate the fast food people , sushi boxes , Straws . the straw wrappers , cigarettes and their packaging.....and finally the thermal receipts they just get tossed into our streets etc