

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

Plastic is destroying sea life, or end up in our plates when fish and seafood eat plastics. They also release chemicals hormon-like in the ocean, and in the sea food we eat.

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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

All plastic bags should be ban, regardless of their thickness

Clause

3. Are you aware of types of single-use plastic shopping bags that should be exempt from a mandatory phase out?

Position

No

Notes

No plastic bag should be exempt from the ban

Clause

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

Everyone needs to ban the bag, the future of our children relies on preserving our environment.

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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

None, they can't be exempted from the ban

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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

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

A similar ban was implemented in France 15 years ago, people are now so used to bring their reusable bag, I don't even understand we are discussing it. I bought a reusable bag from France 15 years ago for a ridiculous price (less than \$1, and I still use it today, the cost is negligible compared to how many times I've used it. And don't even get me started on the environmental cost of single use plastic bags, that's not enough of a benefit?

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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

Of course, any big sturdy bag works, you can even skip the bag and put everything in your trolley from the cashier to your car.

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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

Just ban the bag and people won't have the choice, and will get used to it. Europe did it 10 years ago, did you see people striking to get their plastic bags back?

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

Notes

We already ditched the bag 10 years ago

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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

Just ban it, the reduction should be drastic

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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

Ban the bag as soon as possible

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