

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

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Submitter Type:

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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?

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phase out all plastic bags that are not biodegradable or compostable in backyard compost bins.

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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 70 microns in thickness

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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

Not sure

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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

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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

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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?

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n/a

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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

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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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the cost to the environment costs more if we dont phase the use of plstic bags out

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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?

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there are more alternatives for shopping bags but we need more alternatives such as rubbish bags and bin liners etc where plastic bags are used. plastic wrappers used by farmers for baylage and plastic used in industry is huge.

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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)

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national information campaign and mobile phone app for shoppers

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

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wherever plastic bags used to be used there needs to be alternatives.

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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?

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monitor refuse centres on plastic bag use.

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

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i have sat and watched shoppers at supermarkets. around 50% are using their own bags. i have noticed Maori are a group generally that still use plastic bags. this is not a racist statement just a fact.

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