

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

No

Notes

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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

Yes

Notes

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

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

Position

Other (please specify)

Notes

Reduced the amount of cling wrap and plastic packaging supermarkets are creating first. By volume this is much greater than the plastic bags used to carry the products home.

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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

No

Notes

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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

No

Notes

I usually take a back pack to the supermarket and any super mart bags I take home get reused.

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

Notes

If I didn't put my rubbish in a super market bag the alternative would be to buy larger and thicker rubbish bags which I then fill with all the non recyclable cling wrap and plastic packaging which is the majority of the rubbish I send to the dump. So instead of using 1 supermarket bag a week I get to use a large rubbish bag instead, this makes no sense to me.

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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

Make the recycling bins compulsory at supermarkets and make them put them somewhere visible and easy to find.

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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

it should be compulsory for all packaging being used by supermarkets (meat, frozen foods, bread bags) should be recyclable