

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

We as New Zealanders need to make a stand!! Biodegradable bags still don't dissolve, to become O waste, they still linger in our environment, for years as small particles!! Please see the attached film trashed <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVEfr7Tfm-g> We need to change our ways regarding waste!!

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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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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

Notes

I really think we should understand, not everything we buy from retailers needs to be in plastic bags when we leave the shop counter. especially when the products eg. Bakery food, other products that would be consumed a short time later.. We must also remember we were given to hands for a reason, lets not forget how to use them!! A blanket ban please!!

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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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They should not be exempted.

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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

No
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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

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Super markets have already jumped on board the idea for people to use reusable bags, when shopping, I think small paper bags should be provided in the fruit & veg areas, like what is provided to put Mushrooms in, then the food can be kept in separate from one while in the reusable bag.

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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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Learn to use our hands again Paper bags worked well in the past and could easily be recycled, for use with fruit and veg.

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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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The packaging industry needs to change its ways, everything should be able to be recycled easily, not end up in landfills. We need to learn to do things smarter, the film Trashed provides some smart ideas towards recycling or creating less waste, Burning our waste is not one of them!! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVEfr7Tfm-g>