

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

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### 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

We need to ban ALL single use plastics such as plastic cutlery and coffee cups as well as plastic bags! and we need to ban ALL plastics bags (including "multiple use plastic bags")

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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

### Notes

we need to ban ALL plastics bags including "multiple use thicker plastic bags". Thicker bags are even more of a hazard to the environment and need to be banned as well!

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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

all bags should be banned!

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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

Everyone who lives in or visits NZ should respect and care for our country and therefore EVERYONE needs to stop using plastics bags (and we also need to ban all single use plastics like coffee cups, straws, cutlery, water bottles, soft drink bottles, etc)

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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

All bags should be banned across NZ

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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

I would love to ban them all tomorrow! but i realise that people need time to make changes and be educated about alternatives to

plastic bags

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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**

Yes

**Notes**

the benefits of banning plastic bags are HUGE!!!!!! this is so exciting!

**Clause**

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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

There are heaps of alternative! Just ask the members of the Zero Waste in NZ Facebook group and you will get LOADS of ideas for alternatives!

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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**

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

**Notes**

we already use reusable cotton bags and have been for years