

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

Reference no: 950

Submitter Type: Individual

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

No

Notes

I agree with the phase out of the oxo-degradable and biodegradable however the right type of compostable plastic is perfectly safe such as the ones from <https://www.compostme.co.nz> These break down in up to 90 days and leave no harmful chemicals.

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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

Yes

Notes

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3a. If yes, what are they and why should they be exempt?

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<https://www.compostme.co.nz> These are made from corn starch and do not harm the environment and break down within 90 days

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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

Not currently but am looking at doing it with the compostable ones. My current place of employment sells plastic bags though but are making steps to move away from them.

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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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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

Yes

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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

As noted above, the Compost Me bags. Made from corn starch. I'm sure there are other brands as well doing similar things.

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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

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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Sustainable options

You have elected to withhold your personal details from publication.