

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

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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

Yes

Notes

We should ban plastic bags AND all other single use plastics AND those thicker 'multiple use' plastic bags! We dont need them as there are so many good sustainable 100% natural alternatives!

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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

ALL plastic bags should be banned regardless of thickness! Thicker bags are even worse for the environment and reserach shows that they dont actually get used more often than the thinner bags.

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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

No

Notes

We are all part of NZ, therefore big stores and tiny stores should ALL need to help with making the environment better

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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

We should have banned them 10 years ago... but yes, 6 months seems good because people need time to make changes and be provided with re-education about zero waste and plastic free living

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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 ALL single use plastics are SO GOOD!

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 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

national information campaign and mobile phone app for shoppers

Notes

people need to be educated about the HUGE issues of plastic in our environment and human health

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

Notes

we have been using alternatives for ages, so we wont have to change anything but its all about education! we made the changes because we learnt about the huge plastic crisis and didnt want to keep adding to the crisis. It always comes back to education!

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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

ALL single use plastics (such as coffee cups and plastic cutlery and straws) need to be banned as well as ALL plastic shopping bags (regardless of thickness)

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