

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

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Submitter Type: Individual

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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?

Notes

All plastic from petroleum should be 100 percent banned, however exempt should be 100 percent biodegradable made of plastics such as bamboo, cornflour or hemp.

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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?

Notes

All thicknesses of all plastic made from the petroleum industry used once including plastic shopping bags should be banned.

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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

ie I:- Cornflour, bamboo and hemp.

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

Notes

I know of cornflour, bamboo and hemp. Because they not only breakdown but add value to the environment they feed the insects and even the fish could eat them.

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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

There needs to be zero tolerance to the bags. Smaller retailers I know of are now converting to paper or cornflour bags already.

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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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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

Needs to be sooner

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

Position

two months

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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

But shouldn't cost the consumer. Those that do charge are just ripping people off. Those retailers who fail to comply need to be instantly fined which can pay for any government policing. No court case options, just fined.

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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

Paper, cornflour, bamboo and hemp (which we need to grow more of)

Clause

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

In a busy lifestyle remembering the things/bags sitting in the car tv adverts or not will not train most people. Not everyone watches tv and ads and the brain can switch off to them. Advertising in the shopping car park entries might be the best way to go. "Remember your shopping bags"

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

Notes

Changing habits and signage reminders at stores and carparks.

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12. How can data on single-use plastic shopping bags and other single-use plastics entering the market and monitoring of reductions be improved?

Notes

By getting legislation and fines in place. Fines would be a good incentive to change. Zero tolerance now.

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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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Government Support/reward for Companies such as this need to be put in place asap. Make their dreams reality asap tomorrow.
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