

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?

Position

Yes

Notes

just do it. Companies will come up with alternatives just like we did before plastic bags became available

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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

Other (please specify)

Notes

just get rid of them all. can replace with paper or use the equivalent of baking paper. People will come up with solutions, just need the incentive

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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

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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

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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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don't be exempt

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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

Notes

absolutely. Its unsustainable. Everyone one used to use Whale blubber for multiple uses in the past, now you wouldn't even consider it an option. It will be the same with plastic bags. People coped quite happily before their introduction, they will cope quite happily after they have gone.

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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

let local ingenuity prevail. Might have the benefit of increasing forestry with the increased use of paper bags. Will be more of a challenge replacing glad wrap over meat but you might be able to come up with a cellulose starch alternative for that

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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

Other (please specify)

Notes

provide no alternative so people just naturally carry shopping bags with them in their cars. They cost money so no one wants to buy new bags every shopping trip

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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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not let us have them in the first place

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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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look at other plastic wrappings in the environment in a view to phase them out. How about the wrap used around hay bales. would not be a big deal to go back 20 years when all farmers had hay barns. Currently you would have tonnes of that going into farmers on site dump holes with no record of it at the moment