

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

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Submitter Type: Business / Industry

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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

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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

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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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4. Do you currently manufacture, sell, provide or import for sale or personal use these types of single-use plastic shopping bags:

Position

Yes - 50 microns or less in thickness

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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

Notes

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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

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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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Including education in schools

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

Notes

We are already personally transitioning from single-use plastic bags but a complete ban would ensure we continue to do so

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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

not sure

Clause

13. Please provide any additional comments or suggestions about the proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags.

Notes

As a retailer, the providing of bags at point of purchase also ensures reduced risk of theft. If we have the majority of customers carrying larger reusable bags, slipping items into these bags and leaving without paying would be much easier to do. Full security tagging of items are not necessarily practical financially or time wise for smaller businesses without the budget for designated security staff. Therefore in my owner operated business I have SERIOUS concerns around increase in theft. Banning single use plastic bags should definitely go ahead but I would like to see a change in business's rights to inspect the bags a customer is carrying while on your premises, if theft is suspected, i.e customer does not have the right to refuse inspection.