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Submitter Type:

Individual

Source: Web Form

Overall Position: Support

Overall Notes:

Clause

1. Do you agree with the Government's proposal to prohibit the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing microbeads (eg, body scrubs, facial cleaners, toothpastes) to reduce their impacts on New Zealand's environment and human health? Why/why not?

Position

Yes

Notes

Microbeads are poisoning our oceans and getting into the food chain: they must be stopped.

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2. What are your views on the Government narrowing or widening the definition of the scope of personal care products containing microbeads to be prohibited from manufacture and sale in New Zealand?

Notes

There is no need for microbeads in any products.

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3. Do you currently manufacture, sell or use any personal care products containing microbeads? Please specify.

Position

No

Notes

Clause

4. Do you currently manufacture, sell or use any personal care products containing microbeads for medically prescribed uses or purposes? Please specify.

Position

No

Notes

Clause

5. Do you currently import any personal care products containing microbeads into New Zealand, either for sale or personal use? Please specify.

Position

No

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Clause

6. Are you aware of any personal care products containing microbeads for any purpose that could be considered an essential or critical use?

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No. Natural, biodegradable alternatives could be found.

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7. Do you currently manufacture, sell or use any alternatives to personal care products containing microbeads (or components therein), which are designed and used for the same purpose(s)? Please specify.

Position

Yes

Notes

I only use personal care products that do not contain microbeads. It is perfectly possible to easily avoid microbeads and still meet all personal care needs from readily available products in New Zealand.

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8. Do you consider the alternatives to personal care products containing microbeads (or components therein) to be reasonably practicable, readily available, and similarly priced for existing personal, business or other uses? Why/why not?

Position

Yes

Notes

Clause

9. Is there any reason why the alternatives would not be reasonably practicable, readily available, or similarly priced for personal, business or other uses? If so, would you consider operating against the policy intent and importing personal care products containing microbeads from overseas?

Position

No

Notes

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10. What would be the impact on you or your business if personal care products containing microbeads were prohibited for manufacture and sale in New Zealand and the alternatives were not reasonably practicable, readily available, or similarly priced?

Notes

Fish, dolphins, whales and the health of our ocean would be protected. That's worth any small cost or inconvenience.

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11. Do you support the Government's approach to administration and enforcement of the proposed regulations under the Waste Minimisation Act? Why/why not?

Position

Yes

Notes

Clause

13. What are your views on the Government's proposed timeframe for entry-into-force of the regulations under the Waste Minimisation Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing microbeads?

Notes

Do it fast: every day millions more microbeads enter the ocean, and they can't be got back out again. This is urgent.

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14. Are there any issues about the proposed timeframe for entry-into-force of the regulations that the Government should consider?

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This is urgent. The environmental damage is irreversible, and needs to be stopped immediately.

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15. Are there any ways the Government could help industry or consumers transition away from personal care products containing microbeads ahead of the regulations' entry-into-force?

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Social marketing campaigns.

The submitter have elected to withhold their personal details from publication.