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Submitter Type: Individual

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Overall Position: Support in Part

Overall Notes:

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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

This needs to encompass ALL all microplastics in all household and industrial products that can go down our drains NOT just personal care products.

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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

Marine life doesn't distinguish between plastic from a face wash and plastic from a washing detergent, so the microbeads ban must cover all plastics in all household and industrial products that can go down our drains. We've seen other countries, like the U.S., use really narrow definitions that allow heaps of nasty products to stay on the shelves. We can't let that happen in New Zealand. Marine life doesn't distinguish between plastic from a face wash and plastic from a washing detergent, so the microbeads ban must cover all plastics in all household and industrial products that can go down our drains. We've seen other countries, like the U.S., use really narrow definitions that allow heaps of nasty products to stay on the shelves. We can't let that happen in New Zealand.

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

Position

No

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

Position

No

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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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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

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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

No

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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

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There are any number of alternatives, in fact before microbeads were used these products existed!

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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?

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No impact I would still buy toothpaste and other essentials, I can easily live without products such as face scrubs!!

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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

Should be immediate at least by the end of 2017, given that other major authorities such as the EU and UK are already imposing bans this wont be difficult.

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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?

Notes

An emotive' campaign - once people realise that these products actually contaminate the food they eat and harm marine life they will be supportive, currently there is little awareness. Same situation happened with tobacco.