

Subject: Submission to the consultation on banning the sale and manufacture of plastic microbeads in personal care products in New Zealand

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dear Sir, I support the banning of microbeads from our supermarket shelves and our environment. I commend you for introducing the conversation to the public. There is no such thing as biodegradable beads. I think there should be a clear and prompt timeline for phasing out these ingredients, and a date after which products containing microplastics must not be sold. This should be within two years of the ban. Lead with a legislative ban and avoid voluntary self-regulation I strongly support the consultation document's recommendation to introduce a legislative ban under the Waste Minimisation Act. It is essential that the New Zealand Government introduce an outright legislative ban from 2018 at the latest. I strongly support the proposal for a legislative ban on microbeads in New Zealand. Yours sincerely, Kinsa Hays