

**Subject:** Proposal to Ban Microbeads in New Zealand

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**Your message:** To the Ministers responsible for the Managing microbeads in personal care products Consultation document:

1. I support the proposal to ban the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing microbeads under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.
2. I agree with the intention to “define the scope of products as broadly as possible” and support a comprehensive ban on personal care products containing microbeads.
3. I urge the Government to implement this ban as soon as possible.
4. I believe that legislation should cover all products that are washed down the drain unless considered essential or critical medical products.
5. I believe that legislation should not allow ‘biodegradable’ plastics to be used as alternatives, as these materials do not degrade in the marine environment under ordinary circumstances.
6. I believe there should be a quick and timely phase out plan whereby retailers are informed and required to comply with legislation within the timeframe.
7. I believe New Zealand should be leading the way in cleaning up the environment, rather than slowly lagging behind the rest and we need to take action ASAP.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

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