

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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Please support the proposal for a legislative ban on microbeads in New Zealand. This legislation should ensure the ban will be effective and not simply rely on voluntary self-regulation and be instigated as quickly as possible with a specific timeline to be fully implemented within the next two years... The definition of 'microbeads' should include all solid plastic ingredients smaller than 5mm, used for any purpose, that might end up in our waterways. This definition should include no lower limit, and should be applied universally to products, regardless of what country they originate or enter from. This legislation should include so-called 'biodegradable' plastics as these materials do not degrade in the marine environment and will not solve the problem; I strongly support the consultation document's recommendation to introduce a legislative ban under the Waste Minimisation Act. I strongly support the proposal for a legislative ban on microbeads in New Zealand. Yours sincerely, Maren Behrend