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Submitter Type: Individual

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Overall Position: Support

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

Would like to see this happen sooner than July 2018.

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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

Support widening of the definition of scope, but appreciate that it will be difficult to control the importation or use of products by an individual.

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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, there are natural alternatives to using microbeads, e.g. ground nutshell etc.

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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

Notes

Consumers should be making an informed choice for the benefit of the environment and simply not purchase any products containing microbeads. There are plenty of other alternatives available.

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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

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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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There would be no impact as I do not buy products containing microbeads.

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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

The appointment of an enforcement officer under the WMA would be essential to ensuring the success of regulation and ongoing funding would need to be committed in the future.

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12. Are there any other considerations for administration and enforcement of the proposed regulations that have not been outlined in the Administration and enforcement section in the Managing microbeads in personal care products consultation document?

Notes

n/a

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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

Would support bringing in the legislation as soon as possible, July 2018 is 18 months away!

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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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n/a

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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

This would have to be of an educational nature, e.g. contact with those companies known to have microbeads in their products. Ask such companies to consider using alternatives to microbeads.

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16. Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Government's proposal?

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It is great to see the government reacting for the sake of the environment.