

**Rebecca May Vella-King**

**Submitter Type:**

Individual

**Source:** Web Form

**Overall Position:** Support

**Overall Notes:**

**Clause**

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**

Microbeads are known to have an adverse affect on the environment and their use is completely unnecessary. It is the responsibility of the government to protect the health of New Zealand's people and environment, and microbeads are proven to be detrimental to marine environments and could also potentially be damaging to human health. It can be difficult to identify which products contain microbeads making them hard to avoid, and it also seems likely that people could buy products containing microbeads without having a comprehensive understanding of their negative effects.

**Clause**

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**

The scope would need to be wide enough for the legislation to be effective and I would prefer a more comprehensive definition to be sure of the safety of the products.

**Clause**

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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

I recently bought a face wash that contains microbeads as I didn't know what to look for in the ingredients list. I won't be buying this product again in future.

**Clause**

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

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

5. Do you currently import any personal care products containing microbeads into New Zealand, either for sale or personal use? Please specify.

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

6. Are you aware of any personal care products containing microbeads for any purpose that could be considered an essential or critical use?

**Notes**

No

**Clause**

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?

**Notes**

It's hard to know what does and doesn't contain microbeads

**Clause**

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

**Notes****Clause**

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?

**Notes**

Negligible

**The submitter have elected to withhold their personal details from publication.**