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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

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The products are non-essential and extremely harmful to the environment. Our oceans are already full of plastic.

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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?

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I would like to see all microbeads banned, whether in personal care products or any other.

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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

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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

Yes

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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

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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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No impact, but even if there was some inconvenience to a person's beauty regime - this is surely justified

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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?

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Suggest immediate effect. The manufacturers of these products have gotten away with polluting our environment for their own financial gain for far too long already.

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

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This is a good first step. The Government must also deal with plastic bags, pollution of rivers by dairy industry, and stormwater overflows polluting our beaches with real urgency. Environmental concerns are now very much mainstream and will increasingly be given voice at elections.

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