

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 immediately take action for legislation to ban all microbeads plastics in NZ. Please ensure that all microplastics are included, not just those in cosmetics ie all plastics that are washed down the drain. It is not enough that companies self regulate - it must be enforced by law. Please ensure there are no legal loopholes as there have been in other countries. Any ban must come into effect immediately, with minimal or no phase out period. For New Zealand's marine life is at risk and the suffering incurred from swallowing these beads is not easily measured. It is also now in the food chain. Humans have already sufficiently damaged the ocean and the life within. Please realise the urgency of this issue. Yours sincerely Rhonda Findlay