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Submitter Type: Individual

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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

Absolutely agree. We are facing so environmental issues currently many of them difficult to solve. By legislating against sale and manufacture of microbeads we are able to make a positive change which should help to impact on pollution. I have recently tramped around the northwest circuit of Stewart Island . An area free of permanent residence. When you see the beaches littered with plastic, plastic "soup" on the tide line you know things have gone too far. Why isn't the government also legislate against plastic bags . There are alternatives. As our leaders you should be leading by example and highlighting the issues.

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

Widening the definition would be helpful to exclude as many products as possible containing the microbeads.

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

Position

No

Notes

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

I am not aware of using any products containing microbeads, however I in my practice as a nurse there may be dressing products which contain them that I am unaware of. I would like to see better labelling of products.

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

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

Notes

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

None

Clause

Plastic bags

Notes

Why isn't the government also legislate against plastic bags .

Clause

Wider marine litter

Notes

When you see the beaches littered with plastic,plastic "soup" on the tide line you know things have gone too far.