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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

Microbeads are harmful for the environment, because they are washed into the ocean and ingested by ocean life. As well as this, humans should be trying to reduce dependency on plastic use in general. The government should be focusing on encouraging people to consume and use natural food and products, in an attempt to improve public health and wellness.

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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

The scope of the definition of of personal care products containing microbeads should be very broad, in order to cover all products. As well as personal care products, all other products containing microbeads which enter the waterways should be banned.

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

Position

No

Notes

I avoid using any products that contain polyethylene, and attempt to only use products containing natural ingredients. This is for personal health and environmental reasons.

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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

Yes

Notes

See above answer.

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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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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- I don't believe that there is any use for microbeads that cannot be substituted using natural products. Personal care products should never contain synthetic plastics.

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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

Notes

I use personal care products using natural exfoliants, such as sand or clay.

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?

Position

Yes

Notes

Supermarkets around the country supply other products at similar prices which don't contain synthetic plastics. These are the easiest alternatives, but there are also many hand-made products throughout New Zealand.

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

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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?

Notes

There would be no impact to me if products containing microbeads were prohibited. The New Zealand environment would benefit, as would public human health.

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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 Government needs to ensure that there are no potential loopholes in the definition.

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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

This is an appropriate timeframe.

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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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Environmental action needs to be undertaken urgently. No delays should occur within this timeframe.

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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

Provide information and education on alternatives to microbeads.