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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

Notes

It should've happened years ago! There are many natural products that could serve the same purpose.

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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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It should be a blanket ban.

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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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No, I only buy high grade products that are good for me & the environment.

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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

Notes

How could there be a medical purpose? This could be replaced with a biodegradable natural product if need be.

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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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Not at all.

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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

No

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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

Notes

They may be more expensive than Clean & Clear & other cheap & nasty brands, but if requested, Sukin from Melbourne could probably make an affordable e.g \$10 alternative.

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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

Notes

Microbeads serve no purpose aside from exfoliation & many other products e.g salt, oatmeal, bamboo etc could do the job the same, if not better.

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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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It wouldn't affect me at all. I'd be happy.

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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

I'm all for it. 100% The NZ water ways are becoming a national disaster, rather than a national treasure. It's time for change in the right direction.

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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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Ban immediately so no more imports can take place & then provide one year to get rid of existing stock.

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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?

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Promote homemade products. Promote Sukin as an affordable brand, or promote an NZ made product. Trilogy is great, but they're expensive. You could ask them to create some household brand alternatives that are priced at the same price as Clean & Clear, St Ives etc It's all cheap supermarket brands that I associate with microbeads.

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

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Thank you to whomever initiated this & whomever backs it.