

**Venetia King**

**Submitter Type:**

Individual

**Source:** Web Form

**Overall Position:**

**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**

I support the proposal because I believe the microbeads enter marine and freshwater environments, so contribute to the pollution of seas and other waterways with plastic, and because they are ingested by living things that get no nutrition from them and could be harmed by them.

**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**

I would prefer the Government to widen the scope of the definition of personal care products containing microbeads to be prohibited from manufacture and sale in New Zealand to capture as many products as possible. As an example, lipstick may not ordinarily be thought of as a rinse-off product, but may contain microbeads that could be washed off. I believe there are also products for cleaning showers and baths that contain microbeads and should be stopped as well.

**Clause**

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**

**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**

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

**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**

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**

My interest in this matter is environmental; I don't manufacture, sell, import or use any personal care products containing microbeads. I have not had any difficulty finding alternatives to personal care products containing microbeads for my own use that are similarly priced and available at my local supermarket.

**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**

There would be no impact on me.

**Clause**

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**

**Clause**

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**

Seems reasonable.

**Clause**

14. Are there any issues about the proposed timeframe for entry-into-force of the regulations that the Government should consider?

**Notes**

Not that I can think of.

**Clause**

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**

By promoting the upcoming change to relevant businesses and to consumers well in advance.

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

It's really great to see environmentally friendly initiatives coming from this government.

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