

Working Waters Trust (Sophie Allen)

Submitter Type: NGO

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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

This prohibition should be as soon as technically feasible

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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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The scope should be a wide definition. Only prescription products that can be shown to have essential use of microbeads should be allowed.

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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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4. Do you currently manufacture, sell or use any personal care products containing microbeads for medically prescribed uses or purposes? Please specify.

Position

No

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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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No

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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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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

Working Waters Trust is a charitable trust dedicated to celebrating New Zealand native freshwater fish and restoring and protecting their habitats. We work alongside runanga, private landowners, councils, government departments and school and community groups on various freshwater restoration and rehabilitation projects which benefit endangered native freshwater fish. Although there is a lack of research of the effects of microbeads in freshwater environments, with the prohibition of microbeads we will be removing this likely risk in a precautionary response, to protect our waterways and native fauna.

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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

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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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As soon as technically feasible i.e. in 2017 or 2018.