

Brian

Submitter Type: Individual

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Overall Position:

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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?

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Yes

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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

Microbeads are completely and relentlessly bad for the environment. Banning microbeads and products which use them is essential, so to broaden the definition of what can and can't be produced is necessary. Microbeads aren't even a good exfoliant.

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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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They are not essential for any products. They are only a froo-froo whimsical pamper addition to products which little, if any, value or function to products.

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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.

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Yes

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I use a chemical exfoliant, which replaces any sort of facial cleanser that would use microbeads. Chemical exfoliants are more efficient at their job than physical exfoliants anyway.

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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

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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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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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They should be implemented as soon as possible.

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

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I am glad that the government is trying to become more environmentally conscious, and would be happy to promote and support further attempts at helping our planet.

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