

**Submitter Type:** Individual **Source:**  
Web Form **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**

Yes. These are an entirely unnecessary source of pollution.

**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 think it should be widened to prevent the importation of commercial quantities of microbeads. I also believe that there should be an investigation into the use of microbeads in other products and for this to be banned except where it can be shown that there is no viable alternative and that the product has some useful purpose which outweighs the environmental cost.

**Clause**

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

**Position**

No

**Notes**

I deliberately use personal care products that do not contain ingredients toxic to people or the environment. It is important for people to be aware that any products they apply to their face and body will eventually end up in the sea.

**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, and it seems likely that if we managed without microbeads in the past, we can manage without them now.

**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**

Yes

**Notes**

I have used products with nut shell fragments as an abrasive.

**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**

There are currently products that use alternatives to microbeads, I'm fairly confident that the alternatives will be available in sufficient quantity.

**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**

None. I am not in a business using microbeads and I'm clear that keeping microbeads out of the seas is more important than being able to use facial or body scrubs etc.

**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**

The penalties look sufficient to be effective. However I think the government should discuss the issue with the Australian government and extend the regulations to Australian products.

**Clause**

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**

It should be extended to importing commercial quantities.

**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**

I don't see the logic of aligning it with the date the US brings them into force. A date of January 2018 would seem sensible.

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

If the timeframe relates to trade deals, this is a reason for not allowing trade deals to affect or override decisions on environmental issues.

**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**

Continue publicity of the issue so industry has time to consider alternatives. Make the issue clear to consumers so they know what happens to the microbeads once they've used the products.