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Submitter Type:

Individual

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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

Plastics are not only harmful in themselves, but also many persistent environmental pollutants attach to plastic, making them even more toxic to marine life.

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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

All microbeads which enter waterways needs to be banned, regardless of which products they originated in.

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

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

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

No effect.

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

Except that all products containing plastic microbeads should be banned, not only personal care products. Some kinds of detergents also contain plastic microbeads and wildlife will be equally harmed by these, therefore they should be covered under the ban. All dumping of microbeads needs to also be banned.

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

The ban should be introduced straightaway. As pointed out in the consultation document there already exists alternatives without microbeads to all known products containing plastic microbeads. Therefore there is no reason to let millions more microbeads enter our waterways and coastal areas by delaying the ban. The import ban should begin immediately and the ban of sales in one year to allow businesses to sell their current stocks.

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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?

Notes

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

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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?

Notes

Publish a list of all products for sale in NZ that contain microbeads. It is often not obvious to the consumer which products do contain microbeads. By providing an accurate list consumers can choose alternatives without microbeads. Obviously this list needs to be advertised and readily available.