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Submitter Type: Individual

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Overall Position: Support

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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

No

Notes

I was totally ignorant about these beads, since reading the information I am totally against the polluting of our water ways and environment from these plastic beads. They do not break down, they are mistaken as food for small organisms. They are not essential for any cosmetic product. I believe that any non-essential product that contains any plastic should be banned from entering the waterways.

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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

I totally support the proposition The law must cover all microplastics. Marine life doesn't distinguish between plastic from a face wash and plastic from a washing detergent, so the microbes ban must cover all plastics in all household and industrial products that can go down our drains. A government legislative ban must be introduced straight away. I do not support any company self regulation.

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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, since learning of micro beads I have read labels and avoided any product that contains micro beads.

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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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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 many national brands that are cheaper and more effective than the larger corporate ones that are using microbeads.

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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

Notes

The importation of micro beads and products contain plastics should be banned. International obligations should not over ride environmental safety, especially when there are natural alternatives that have been in use and proven effective. Price should not be a reason for using microbes. Companies that use them are socialising the cost and irresponsibly polluting the environment. Plastics in toothpaste are also swallowed potentially causing harm to children that ingest them

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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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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

Micro beads should be banned in all household products. Especially cleaning ones where they are directly washed down the drain. MICRO BEADS IN ANY PRODUCTS SHOULD BE BANNED.

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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

Once the government has heard submissions and reported back to Parliament a three month time frame should be placed on the removal of all products containing microbes.

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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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All manufacture three months after passing into law of any product batch must have ingredients sourced from natural sources.

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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

Micro beads are a relatively new product ingredient. Alternative sources to the beads are readily available. Government subsidies to manufacturers should not be given. Advertising about the changes to products should be supported by government.

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

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Yes, this is a great policy and should extend to all products contain harmful synthetic ingredients. I wish to be heard