

**Dena**

**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**

The benefits of banning them by far outweigh their usefulness. Banning these products ensures NZ remains in step with product standards worldwide

**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**

Microbeads should be banned entirely (unless there is some critical of medical use for them, but I don't know of any)

**Clause**

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

**Position**

No

**Notes**

I actively avoid these products. Occasionally I buy some inadvertently and am upset to have done so as I don't think there is any reason for such cases products to exist

**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

**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.

**Notes**

Yes there are a number of options available both in directly comparable products (eg scrub with other exfoliants) or other substitutes (eg loofah)

**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**

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**

It should be entered into as soon as possible. It should not be voluntary compliance. In any interim period, products with microbeads should be forced to be labelled clearly as containing microbeads so consumers can make informed choices

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