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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

There is plenty of evidence that most consumers are unaware of the impact microbeads are already having because they are invisible and in commonly used products. It is the duty of Government to protect our health and our environment against such a clear threat to both.

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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

The definition must be as wide as possible to include every present and future use of microbeads and any similar products in all applications of manufacture and sale in NZ.

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

Position

No

Notes

But as a consumer can I be assured they are always clearly labelled so I do not unknowingly buy such products?

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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

Notes

Not knowingly

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

None

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

Living nature personal care products made in NZ do not contain microbeads.

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 plenty of alternatives readily available.....AND made in NZ

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

Importation by anyone should be banned. This is not a personal choice issue. It is a safe community /environmental issue.

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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

N/Athere is no NEED for products containing microbeads.

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**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

Please allow no loopholes.

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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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It can not come soon enough.

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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?

Notes

Do Not delay!

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

Education/ advertising the issue as so few people are aware of the immense dangers microbeads present. Would they choose to mix them into their food?? Not if they knew.

Clause

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

Notes

I hope our legislators are smart enough to draft law which does not allow importers or local manufacturers to get around it.