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**Submitter Type:**

Individual

**Source:** Web Form

**Overall Position:** Support

**Must read**

**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**

I strongly agree that the manufacture and sale of microbeads should be banned in New Zealand. I believe that beauty industry are taking financial advantage of the so called 'benefits' of these products at the expense of the environment and health of New Zealanders and the rest of the world. Marine flora and fauna are unable to cope with the exposure to plastic, let alone ingesting it. Eliminating the manufacturing of microbeads means New Zealand are crossing one pollutant off the list. The Government should encourage and support the idea of grey water safe products as New Zealand is supposedly '100% Pure' however we are currently destroying our own environment as our treatment plants don't filter these. However, you do have to think of the excess stock going to the landfill and the environmental effects on this.

**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 the government should widen and get rid of all beauty chemicals that aren't eco-friendly or grey water safe.

**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**

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. There are many NATURAL alternatives that break down in the water and have minimal effects on the environment.

**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**

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**

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**

As soon as possible.

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

No

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

think its a great idea to ban these products as we need to think of the long term effects on the environment and marine micro-organisms but there needs to be further planning for the disposal of these products such as the impacts on the landfill.