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**Submitter Type:** Individual

**Source:** Web Form

**Overall Position:** Support in Part

**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 think the Govt. should ban all products with Microbeads Forthwith and not give manufacturers license to dispose of all their current products and the products they will keep manufacturing so they can dispose of all their stocks of Microbeads.

**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**

As I have indicated All product with Microbeads should be Taken off the shelves NOW.

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

I do not know for sure because it is difficult to find out just buying reading the labels.

**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. How did we survive before some scientist invented them?

**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?

**Notes**

I have not looked for alternative products.

**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**

I do not know.

**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**

None as far as I could tell.

**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**

They are not moving fast enough.

**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**

I do not know.

**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**

Typical Nick Smith and National govt. scared to upset Businesses delaying tactics

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Get on with it.

**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**

Publish lists of products with Microbeads so Consumers could avoid them.

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Yes. Why not ban all shrinkwrapped products being transported all over the country and Shrinkwrap being blown everywhere.