

**Subject:** Submission to the consultation on banning the sale and manufacture of plastic microbeads in personal care products in New Zealand

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I have worked in the beauty industry for 11 years and also as a trainer in a Polytech, I have seen first hand the amount of substances that use these microbeads just in our field, I also live on the east coast of NZ and see the amount of plastic washing up on our beaches, this rubbish can be picked up as it can be seen but microbeads are so small that they become damaging the more they are swallowed. I've become less proud and more disappointed over the last few decades at our unwillingness as a clean green country to address many issues that devastate our environment, California have passed this bill and we must also, if we have the opportunity to make this hugely positive change then we must. I hope that if you read this letter you will feel encouraged that should you act and pass this bill you will have me and many others cheering for you, you will be setting an example for government and public alike. A line in the sand for a time of change and action to begin. Liz Wilson