

**Subject:** Proposal to Ban Microbeads in New Zealand

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**Your message:** To the Ministers responsible for the Managing microbeads in personal care products Consultation document:

1. I support the proposal to ban the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing microbeads under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.
2. I VERY MUCH agree with the intention to "define the scope of products as broadly as possible" and support a comprehensive ban on personal care products containing microbeads.
3. I urge the Government to implement this ban as soon as possible. It's incredibly important. Even the daily impact of microbeads on marine life is huge.
4. I believe that legislation should cover all products that are washed down the drain unless considered essential or critical medical products.
5. I believe that legislation should not allow 'biodegradable' plastics to be used as alternatives, as these materials do not degrade in the marine environment under ordinary circumstances.
6. I believe there should be a quick and timely phase out plan whereby retailers are informed and required to comply with legislation within the timeframe.

Thank you very, very for the opportunity to make a submission. This issue is really important to me, and many others.

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