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Submitter Type: Individual **Source:**

Web Form **Overall Position:** Support

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

These tiny beads can pass through our wastewater treatment facilities and have a negative effect on our ecosystem and waterways. Possible risk to human health from ingesting contaminated seafood.

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 believe that microbeads need to be banned completely from any products, no sale and no manufacturing in New Zealand whatsoever.

Clause

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

Position

No

Notes

I refuse to use these products because of the environmental damage they cause.

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

No, again my focus is to be using products that are non-harmful to the environment

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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

There are plenty of natural quality alternatives to microbeads. Microbeads need to be banned

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

Not personally, although I believe if this was a present fact, this is a damaging product / ingredient to our environment and there is suitable natural, sustainable, positive choices to use.

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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

There are alternatives that are practicable, available and priced reasonably for use because I use them and have seen them. To add, the high price that microbeads is having on our environment is negatively affecting & unnecessary!

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

never!

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

The impact is that I'd use natural products to do the same job. Microbeads never used to be used therefore I believe because of the negative impact they are having we don't need to use them now.

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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

Because, I believe microbeads need to be banned

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

n/a

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

Ban them immediately

Clause

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

Notes

Ban them immediately

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

Advertising how bad the negative effects of microbeads are. On tv, radio, billboards.

Clause

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

Notes

Ban them immediately

