



## Z Energy supports the phase-out of plastic bags in New Zealand

**New Zealand's leading petrol station network supports the Government's initiative to ban plastic bags.**

Z Energy supports the government's plan to phase out single-use plastic shopping bags, and encourages New Zealanders to provide their views on ways to reduce these bags entering the environment.

Z phased out single-use customer plastic bags from its stores in June this year. Z said that customers have been overwhelmingly supportive of Z's stance in eliminating plastic bags and reducing the number of single-use plastic bags entering the waste stream from 2.5 million per year, to zero.

"Many of our customers have been really enthusiastic about the change, and have agreed that people just need to get used to a new reality – like New Zealanders did with the introduction of compulsory bike helmets, or the ban on smoking inside," said Z's Sustainability Manager, Gerri Ward.

The Ministry for the Environment has published a consultation document on the proposed mandatory phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags, and people have until Friday 14 September to share their views.