

# Preventing Plastic and Single-Use Waste in B.C.

## Written Response Questions

### Indigenous Governments and Communities, and Local Governments

All written feedback received during the comment period will be considered in the development of the regulation and next steps.

Please consider the numbered questions to guide your response.

Feedback for each comment should include:

- The question being addressed, or section of the intentions paper to which the comment relates;
- The comment itself; and
- Any supporting information or rationale.

Written submissions should be no longer than five pages and be submitted in Word or PDF to [plastics@gov.bc.ca](mailto:plastics@gov.bc.ca).

### Questions:

#### 1. Checkout Bags and By-Request

- a. The proposed regulation includes provincewide implementation of the same powers currently granted to municipalities under the [Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation](#) (i.e., bans on single-use plastic checkout bags, fees on single-use paper and reusable bags, and utensils by-request). What should the Province consider as it looks to implement restrictions on bags and foodservice accessories across the entire province?

#### 2. Problematic plastic food packaging

- a. The proposed regulation includes a provincewide ban on containers and certain food packaging made from problematic plastics (i.e., polystyrene foam, PVC, compostable plastics) and on all oxo-degradable packaging. Do you have any concerns regarding the types of plastic that would be regulated? Are there any other types of plastic the Province should consider?
- b. The proposed regulation includes takeout containers, polystyrene foam and PVC meat and deli trays, and other containers used to package food in the province. Do you have any concerns regarding the types of food packaging that would be regulated?
- c. Food packaging made from compostable plastics would also be banned under the proposed regulation. Do you have comments specific to the regulation of compostable plastics?
- d. Are there any other problematic plastics that should be addressed through provincial regulation?

### 3. Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation

- a. The intentions paper identifies further opportunities for municipalities to be empowered to regulate single-use and plastic items under the Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation. Is your municipality likely to use this existing regulation to take (further) action on single-use or plastic items?
- b. What other materials or items are causing waste challenges in your community? Does your community have a plan to address these challenges?

### 4. Future actions

- a. Where does your community/local government see a need for further action on single-use and plastic waste?
- b. What actions are needed from the Provincial government to support reuse/refill and/or recycled content to replace single-use items, and prevent single-use and plastic waste?
- c. What types of education or promotional material would be most useful in your community regarding the proposed regulations and/or moving to reusable and/or refillable options?

### 5. Compliance and measuring impact

- a. Now, and under the proposed expansion of the Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation, municipalities with single-use bylaws would be able to lead compliance, as necessary. How can/could the Province best support these activities?
- b. What reporting requirements should be considered for measuring the impact of the regulation?