



# Australian State / Territory Commitments

## Ban on Single-Use Plastics

Last Updated: 10 March 2021	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
Lightweight plastic bags		 TBC						
Straws	 2022			 2021			 2023	 2023
Drink stirrers	 2021			 2021			 2023	 2023
Cutlery	 2021			 2021			 2023	 2023
Polystyrene food + drink containers	 2021			 2021	 2022		 2023	 2023
Oxo-degradable plastics	 2022			 2021	 2022		 2023	 2026
Plates + bowls				 2021			 2023	 2023
Cotton bud sticks							 2023	
Fruit + veggie bags	 2022							 2026
Heavyweight plastic bags								 2023
Microbeads								 2026
Plastic-lined coffee cups								
Plastic takeaway containers								

KEY: = Banned = Ban starts within 2 years = Over 2 years away

**Notes:** Western Australia will also be moving to ban helium balloon releases as well as polystyrene packaging under their plastics plan.

The Commonwealth Government has committed to phase out loose fill and moulded polystyrene packaging by July 2022, as well as expanded polystyrene foodware, oxo-degradable plastics, and PVC packaging labels by December 2022.

Almost all states and territories have introduced Container Deposit Schemes - with the exception of Tasmania (commencing 2022) and Victoria (commencing 2023). Container Deposit Schemes have been shown to significantly reduce plastic bottle littering.