



Australian State / Territory Commitments

Ban on Single-Use Plastics

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	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
Lightweight plastic bags								
Straws								
Drink stirrers								
Cutlery								
Polystyrene food + drink containers								
Plates + bowls								
Cotton bud sticks								
Fruit + veggie bags								
Heavyweight plastic bags								
Microbeads								
Plastic cups + lids								
Coffee cups containing plastic								
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.

Australia's Environment Ministers have identified eight plastics for industry to phase out nationally by 2025 under the National Waste Policy Action Plan, although this is understood to be voluntary. These are **lightweight plastic bags**; **plastic products misleadingly termed as 'degradable'**; **plastic straws**; **plastic utensils and stirrers**; **expanded polystyrene (EPS) consumer food containers**; **EPS consumer goods packaging** (loose fill and moulded); and **microbeads** in personal health care products. The Commonwealth Government has also committed to oversee a phase out of **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).