



# Australian State / Territory Commitments

## Ban on Single-Use Plastics

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|                                     | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA |
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| 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).