



Australian State / Territory Commitments

Ban on Single-Use Plastics

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	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
Lightweight plastic bags		 2022						
Straws	 2022	 2022	 2025				 2023	
Drink stirrers		 2022	 2025				 2023	
Cutlery		 2022	 2025				 2023	
Polystyrene food + drink containers		 2022	 2025				 2023	
Plates + bowls		 2022	 2025		 2024		 2023	
Cotton bud sticks	 2022	 2022		 TBC	 2023		 2023	 2023
Fruit + veggie bags				 TBC	 2023			 2023
Heavyweight plastic bags			 2025	 TBC	 2024			
Microbeads	 2023	 2022	 2025	 TBC				 2023
Plastic cups + lids				 TBC	 2024			
Coffee cups containing plastic				 TBC	 2024			 2023
Helium balloons			 2025					
Plastic takeaway containers	 2023				 2024			

KEY: = Banned = Ban yet to commence = Proposed (subject to consultation)

Notes: Australia's Environment Ministers have identified eight priority plastics for industry to phase out nationally by 2025, 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. In addition to the plastics listed above, some jurisdictions are also banning other plastics such as balloon sticks, balloon ties, and pre-packaged cutlery/straws (i.e. on juice boxes). Helium balloon releases have also been formally banned in QLD, VIC & WA.