



Australian State / Territory Commitments

Ban on Single-Use Plastics

Last Updated: 1 July 2022	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
Lightweight plastic bags								
Straws								
Drink stirrers								
Cutlery								
Polystyrene food + drink containers								
Plates + bowls								
Cotton bud sticks								
Microbeads								
Heavyweight plastic bags								
Fruit + veggie produce bags								
Plastic cups + lids								
Coffee cups containing plastic								
Helium balloons								
Plastic takeaway containers								

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.