



Australian State / Territory Commitments

Ban on Single-Use Plastics

As of 1 February 2023	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
Lightweight plastic bags								
Straws			 2025					
Drink stirrers			 2025					
Cutlery			 2025					
Polystyrene food + drink containers			 2025					
Plates + bowls	 2023		 2025		 2023			
Cotton bud sticks				 2023	 2023			 2023
Microbeads	 2023		 2025	 2023				 2023
Heavyweight plastic bags	 2023		 2025	 2023	 2024			
Fruit + veggie produce bags					 2024			 2024
Plastic cups + lids					 2024			
Coffee cups containing plastic					 2024			 2024
Helium balloons			 2025					
Plastic takeaway containers	 2023				 2024			 2024

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

Notes: Green ticks are only given for bans that are currently in effect. Blue ticks represent commitments or regulated bans yet to take effect. Orange ticks represent proposed items undergoing public consultation. 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. In addition to the plastics listed above, some jurisdictions are also banning other plastics such as balloon sticks, balloon ties, plastic soy sauce fish, and pre-packaged cutlery/straws (i.e. on juice boxes).