

# Ban on Single-Use Plastics

## SCORECARD

## Australian State / Territory Policy Commitments

| Plastics (single-use) banned as of 1 September 2024 | ACT | NSW           | NT            | QLD | SA   | TAS | VIC              | WA |
|---|-----|---------------|---------------|-----|------|-----|------------------|----|
| Balloon releases*                                   |     | 2025 PROPOSED | 2025 PROPOSED | ✓   |      |     | ✓                | ✓  |
| Balloon sticks/ties                                 |     | 2025 PROPOSED |               |     | ✓    |     |                  |    |
| Bread tags  |     | 2025 PROPOSED |               |     | ✓    |     |                  |    |
| Coffee cups (non-compostable)                       |     |               |               |     | ✓    |     |                  | ✓  |
| Cold drink cups & lids (non-compostable)            |     | 2025 PROPOSED |               |     | ✓    |     |                  | ✓  |
| Confetti  |     |               |               |     | ✓    |     |                  |    |
| Cotton bud sticks                                   | ✓   | ✓             |               | ✓   | ✓    |     | ✓                | ✓  |
| Cutlery & drink stirrers                            | ✓   | ✓             | 2025 PROPOSED | ✓   | ✓    |     | ✓                | ✓  |
| EPS food & drink containers                         | ✓   | ✓             | 2025 PROPOSED | ✓   | ✓    |     | ✓                | ✓  |
| EPS food trays                                      | ✓   | 2025 PROPOSED |               |     | ✓    |     |                  | ✓  |
| EPS loose fill packaging                            | ✓   | 2025 PROPOSED | 2025 PROPOSED | ✓   |      |     |                  | ✓  |
| Fruit & veg produce bags (non-compostable)          |     | 2025 PROPOSED |               |     | ✓    |     |                  | ✓  |
| Fruit & veg stickers (non-compostable)              |     | 2025 PROPOSED |               |     | 2025 |     |                  |    |
| Heavyweight carry bags                              | ✓   | 2025 PROPOSED | 2025 PROPOSED | ✓   | ✓    |     |                  | ✓  |
| Microbeads in rinse-off personal care products      | ✓   | ✓             | 2025 PROPOSED | ✓   |      |     |                  | ✓  |
| Pizza savers  |     | 2025 PROPOSED |               |     | ✓    |     |                  |    |
| Plates & bowls                                      | ✓   | ✓             | 2025 PROPOSED | ✓   | ✓    |     | ✓<br>PARTIAL BAN |    |
| Soy sauce fish                                      |     | 2025 PROPOSED |               |     | 2025 |     |                  |    |
| Straws  | ✓   | ✓             | 2025 PROPOSED | ✓   | ✓    |     | ✓                | ✓  |

KEY:  Banned  Ban yet to commence  Proposed (not confirmed)

EPS - Expanded Polystyrene

\*Most anti-littering laws only consider balloons litter when they hit land or sea, making it difficult to enforce due to the long distances balloons travel. This scorecard recognises states that have legislated a ban on the act of releasing a balloon.