

AUS & NZ Bans on Single-Use Plastics

Last Updated: 20 MAY 2024	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	NZ
Plates & Bowls	⊗	⊘	2025	⊘	(S)		(>)	S	\bigcirc
Straws	⊘	⊘	2025	⊘	S	HOBART ONLY	S	⊘	\bigcirc
Cutlery	\bigcirc	⊘	2025	⊘	S	HOBART ONLY	(y)	⊘	\bigcirc
Cups + Lids		2025		TBA	September 2024	HOBART ONLY		⊘	
Coffee Cups Containing Plastic		TBA		TBA	September 2024	HOBART ONLY		⊗	
Drink Stirrers	⊘	⊘	2025	⊘	(y)	HOBART ONLY	(>)	S	\bigcirc
Takeaway Containers		2025		TBA	September 2024	HOBART ONLY		September 2024	\bigcirc
Polystyrene Containers (Food/Drink)	⊘	⊘	2025	⊘	S		(>)	⊗	\bigcirc
Lightweight Plastic Bags	\bigcirc	⊘	⊘	⊘	(>)	③	(>)	S	\bigcirc
Heavyweight Plastic Bags	\bigcirc	2025	TBA	⊘	September 2024			⊗	
Fruit & Veggie Produce Bags		2025			2024			2024	S
Microbeads	⊘	⊘	2025	⊘				(S)	
Cotton Bud Sticks	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\odot	\bigcirc		③	⊗	\bigcirc
Balloon Sticks/ties		2025			September 2024				
EPS Food Trays (eg. meat, fresh produce)	\bigcirc	TBA	2025	TBA	TBA			⊗	

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Australia's Environment Ministers have determined eight priority plastics to phase out nationally by 2025. 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. Furthermore, The Commonwealth Government has also committed to oversee a phase out of PVC packaging labels by December 2022. Lastly, some jurisdictions are also banning other plastics such as balloon sticks, balloon ties, and pre-packa ged cutlery/ straws (i.e. on juice boxes). Helium balloon releases have also been formally banned in QLD, VIC & WA.

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