



CURRENT STATUS OF PLASTIC LEGISLATION - APRIL 2021

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FOOD SERVICE PLASTICS	Plastic straws	Second round ban (1 July 2022). Under current discussion with stakeholders.	March 2020 flagged all items in discussion paper for consideration. See NRA submission. Awaiting govt announcement on legislation and timing.	Indicated intention to take action on single-use plastics, no immediate action underway	Passed 15 March, will come into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes straws in pre-packaged food & bev. Excludes Australian certified compostable.	Ban - Bill passed 10 Sept. Came into effect 1 March 2021. Bioplastics and oxo-bioplastics not exempt.	Indicated intention to take action on single-use plastics, no immediate action underway. See Hobart by-law.	Announced ban to come into effect by 2023.	Proposed ban 2020-23. Plastics Plan released 8 Nov 2020.	Recycling and Waste Reduction Bill 2020 implements export bans and incorporates Product Stewardship Act 2011.	Proposed phase out 2023-2025
	Plastic cutlery	First round ban. Legislation passed 30 March 2021. Will come into effect 1 July 2021. Bioplastics and oxo-bioplastics not exempt.	as above	as above	Passed 15 March, will come into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes cutlery in pre-packaged food & bev. Excludes Australian certified compostable.	Ban - Bill passed 10 Sept. Came into effect 1 March 2021. Bioplastics not exempt.	as above	Announced ban to come into effect by 2023.	Proposed ban 2020-23. Plastics Plan released 8 Nov 2020.	as above	Proposed phase out 2023-2025
	Plastic stirrers	First round ban. Legislation passed 30 March 2021. Will come into effect 1 July 2021. Bioplastics and oxo-bioplastics not exempt.	as above	as above	Passed 15 March, will come into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes stirrers in pre-packaged food & bev. Excludes Australian certified compostable.	Ban - Bill passed 10 Sept. Came into effect 1 March 2021. Bioplastics not exempt.	as above	Announced ban to come into effect by 2023.	Proposed ban 2020-23. Plastics Plan released 8 Nov 2020.	as above	Proposed phase out 2023-2025
	Expanded polystyrene (EPS) containers, tableware & cups	First round ban. Legislation passed 30 March 2021. Will come into effect 1 July 2021. Pre-packaged exempt.	as above	as above	Passed 15 March, will come into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes pre-packaged food & bev.	Ban - Bill passed 10 Sept. Comes into effect 1 March 2022. Bioplastics not exempt.	as above	Announced ban to come into effect by 2023.	Proposed ban 2020-23. Plastics Plan released 8 Nov 2020.	Announced phase-out in Plastics Plan from 2022	Proposed phase out 2023-2025
	Plastic plates	Further consideration	as above	as above	Passed 15 March, will come into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes plates in pre-packaged food & bev. Excludes Australian certified compostable.	Further consideration	as above	Announced ban to come into effect by 2023.	Proposed ban 2020-23. Plastics Plan released 8 Nov 2020.	as above	Proposed phase out 2023-2025
	Plastic bowls	Further consideration	as above	as above	Passed 15 March, will come into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes bowls in pre-packaged food & bev. Excludes Australian certified compostable.	Further consideration	as above		Proposed ban 2020-23. Plastics Plan released 8 Nov 2020.	as above	Proposed phase out 2023-2025
	Plastic lined coffee cups	Further consideration	as above	as above	Further consideration	Indicated as third round of bans	as above		Proposed action 2020-26. Plastics Plan released 8 Nov 2020.	as above	
	Plastic cups	Further consideration	as above	as above	Further consideration	Indicated as third round of bans	as above		Proposed action 2020-26. Plastics Plan released 8 Nov 2020.	as above	Proposed phase out 2023-2025
	Plastic takeaway containers	Further consideration	as above	as above	Further consideration	Indicated as 2nd round of bans	as above		Proposed action 2020-26. Plastics Plan released 8 Nov 2020.	as above	Proposed phase out 2023-2025
	Lightweight plastic shopping bags	Ban - Nov 2011 (incl. less than 35um, bio exempt)	Expected legislation 2020 (incl. less than 35um, bio exempt)	Ban - Sept 2011 (incl. less than 35um, bio exempt)	Ban - July 2018 (incl. less than 35um)	Ban - May 2009 (incl. less than 35um, bio exempt)	Ban - Nov 2013 (incl. less than 35um, bio exempt)	Ban - Nov 2019 (incl. 35um or less at any part of bag)	Ban - Jan 2019 (incl. 35um or less)		
BAGS	Heavyweight plastic shopping bags	Further consideration	March 2020 flagged in discussion paper for consideration		Further consideration, support NRA Code of Practice	Further consideration			Proposed ban 2020-23. Plastics Plan released 8 Nov 2020.		as above
	Produce bags	Second round ban (phase out 2022). Under current discussion with stakeholders.				Indicated as 3rd round of bans			Proposed ban 2024-26. Plastics Plan released 8 Nov 2020.		Proposed phase out 2023-2025
	Above items with 'degradable' additives	Any banned item above which is in whole or part plastic includes plastics with 'degradable' additives, such as oxo-degradable.									



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BEVERAGE CONTAINERS	Other items with 'degradable' additives	Second round ban (phase out 2022)	March 2020 flagged in discussion paper for consideration		Ban - Bill passed 10 Sept. Comes into effect 1 March 2023. Bioplastics not exempt.			Proposed ban 2024-26. Plastics Plan released 8 Nov 2020.		Proposed phase out Jan 2023
	Container deposit schemes	YES - Nov 2018	YES - Dec 2017	YES - Jan 2012	YES - Nov 2018	YES - 1977, under review	Planned for 2022	Planned for 2023	YES	NO
OTHER PLASTICS	Balloons		July 2019 (release of 20 or more)					Proposed ban 2020-23 on helium balloon releases.		
	Other						Announced ban on cotton bud sticks to come into effect by 2023.	Proposed 2024-26 ban on microbeads, polystyrene packaging, cotton buds with plastic shafts. Plastics Plan released 8 Nov 2020.		Proposed phase out Jan 2023 of PVC and polystyrene food and bev packaging. Other types by 2025. Non-compostable fruit stickers - timing TBC.
Key Source	ACT Single-Use Plastics (UPDATED)	Cleaning Up Our Act Discussion Paper		Discussion paper, bill, speeches	Replace The Waste SA (UPDATED)		Recycling Victoria	Plastic Plan 2020	Bill Plastics Plan	2020 consultation paper
NRA Submissions	ACT - July 2019	NSW - May 2020		QLD - April 2020	SA Draft Bill submission	NA, see Hobart		WA - July 2019		
NRA Representation	ACT SUP Advisory Group, ACT Retailer engagement	CDS Taskforce		CDS Taskforce, QLD Bag Ban, QLD Plastic Pollution Reference Group, QLD SUP Advisory Group, QLD bag ban Retailer engagement	SA SUP Advisory Group, SA SUP retailer engagement	CDS Taskforce	VIC bag ban, VIC Plastic Reference Group, CDS Taskforce, VIC bag ban Retailer engagement	CDS Taskforce, WA bag ban Retailer engagement, WA Straws working group	National Plastics Summit, APCO membership, APCO Design Working Group, EPS consultation	NZ bag ban consultation

GREEN : Law in effect. BLUE: Law passed but not yet in effect. RED: Indicates legislative processes or formal consultation underway in 2021

Action by local governments

Hobart	A single use plastics by-law ban was introduced in 2020 and came into effect 8 April 2020. It includes an extensive list of items. To learn more visit www.hobartcity.com.au/residents/recycling-and-rubbish/resources
Rottnest Island	Single use straws banned April 2019
Darwin	On 1 January 2019 plastic straws, cutlery, stirrers, plates, takeaway containers and plastic lined coffee cups were banned at all events on council land including markets.