



CURRENT STATUS OF PLASTIC LEGISLATION - JAN 2022

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| FOOD SERVICE PLASTICS | Plastic straws | Second round ban 13 July 2022. Under current discussion with stakeholders. CONSULTATION CLOSING 12 JAN 2022. | Will be banned 1 Nov 2022. Bioplastics NOT exempt. Excludes pre-packaged through automated process before arrival. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021. | Indicated intention to take action on single-use plastics, no immediate action underway | Ban came into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes straws in pre-packaged food & bev. Excludes Australian certified compostable. | Ban - Bill passed 9 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. | STAGE 1 BAN: Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2022. Bioplastics not exempt. | Proposed phase out mid 2023. Bioplastics not exempt. | |
| | Plastic cutlery | First round ban. Ban came into effect 1 July 2021. Bioplastics and oxo-bioplastics not exempt. Select exemptions exist. | Will be banned 1 Nov 2022. Bioplastics NOT exempt. Excludes pre-packaged through automated process before arrival. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021. | as above | Ban came into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes cutlery in pre-packaged food & bev. Excludes Australian certified compostable. | Ban - Bill passed 9 Sept. Came into effect 1 March 2021. Bioplastics and oxo-bioplastics not exempt. | as above | Announced ban to come into effect by 2023. | STAGE 1 BAN: Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2022. Bioplastics not exempt. | Proposed phase out mid 2023. Bioplastics not exempt. | |
| | Plastic stirrers | First round ban. Ban came into effect 1 July 2021. Bioplastics and oxo-bioplastics not exempt. | Will be banned 1 Nov 2022. Bioplastics NOT exempt. Excludes pre-packaged through automated process before arrival. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021. | as above | Ban came into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes stirrers in pre-packaged food & bev. Excludes Australian certified compostable. | Ban - Bill passed 9 Sept. Came into effect 1 March 2021. Bioplastics and oxo-bioplastics not exempt. | as above | Announced ban to come into effect by 2023. | STAGE 1 BAN: Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2022. Bioplastics not exempt. | Proposed phase out late 2023. Bioplastics not exempt. | |
| | Expanded polystyrene (EPS) takeaway containers & cups | Ban came into effect 1 July 2021. Pre-packaged exempt. | Will be banned 1 Nov 2022. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021. | as above | Ban came into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes pre-packaged food & bev. | Ban on EPS cups, clamshells, plates comes into effect 1 March 2022. Bioplastics not exempt. | as above | Announced ban to come into effect by 2023. | STAGE 1 BAN: Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2022. All expanded polystyrene takeaway food containers including bowls, clamshell containers and trays (excluding trays used for raw meat or seafood). Excludes EPS cups, pre-packaged EPS and reusable cooler bowls. | Announced phase-out in Plastics Plan from 2022. See EPS factsheet. | Proposed phase out late 2022. Also includes all polystyrene takeaway food and beverage packaging. |
| | Plastic plates | Further consideration | Will be banned 1 Nov 2022. Bioplastics NOT exempt. Excludes pre-packaged through automated process before arrival. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021. | as above | Ban came into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes plates in pre-packaged food & bev. Excludes Australian certified compostable. Excludes plastic-lined/coated paper plates. | Further consideration | as above | Announced ban to come into effect by 2023. | STAGE 1 BAN: Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2022. Includes paper plates with plastic coating. Bioplastic not exempt. | Proposed phase out mid 2023. Bioplastics not exempt. | |
| | Plastic bowls | Further consideration | Will be banned 1 Nov 2022. Excludes bowls with lids, excludes pre-packaged through automated process before arrival. Bioplastics NOT exempt. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021. | as above | Ban came into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes bowls with lids (defined as containers). Excludes bowls in pre-packaged food & bev. Excludes Australian certified compostable. Excludes plastic-lined/coated paper bowls. | Further consideration | as above | Announced ban to come into effect by 2023. | STAGE 1 BAN: Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2022. Unlidded bowls only (if has lid, not banned). Includes paper bowls with plastic coating. AU certified paperboard lined with bioplastic exempt. (therefore no transparent cups will be allowed). Lids for cold drinks proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. | Proposed phase out mid 2023. Bioplastics not exempt. | |
| | Plastic coffee cups and lids | Further consideration | Not explicitly mentioned but expect to align with cups strategy. | as above | Further consideration | Further consideration | as above | Announced ban to come into effect by 2023. | Not banned in STAGE 1 as cups for hot drinks not banned. Proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. No definition provided. | "There is more work to do before we can phase out certain types of expanded polystyrene, single-use cups (including coffee cups) and wet wipes" | |
| | Plastic cold cups and lids | Further consideration | Review in 2024. | as above | Further consideration | Further consideration | as above | Announced ban to come into effect by 2023. | STAGE 1 BAN: Ban on disposable plastic cups for beverages to be enforceable 1 October 2022. Includes all forms of cold cups including plastic-lined paper, flutes, goblets, beer cups, etc. AU certified paperboard lined with bioplastic exempt. (therefore no transparent cups will be allowed). Lids for cold drinks proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. | "There is more work to do before we can phase out certain types of expanded polystyrene, single-use cups (including coffee cups) and wet wipes" | |
| | Plastic takeaway containers and lids | Further consideration | | as above | Further consideration | Further consideration | as above | Announced ban to come into effect by 2023. | STAGE 1 BAN: Ban on unlidded food containers to be enforceable 1 July 2022. If has lid, not banned. Lidded containers proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. | Proposed phase out late 2022 of all polystyrene takeaway food and beverage packaging. | |
| 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. | | | | | | | | | | |
| BAGS | Lightweight plastic shopping bags | Ban - Nov 2011 (incl. less than 35um, bio exempt) | 35 microns or less will be banned 1 June 2022. Bioplastics NOT exempt. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021. | 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) REPLACED BY NEW BAN | Ban - July 2019 (incl. less than 70um, reused bags exempt) | |
| | Heavyweight plastic shopping bags | Further consideration | Review in 2024. | | Further consideration, support NRA Code of Practice | Further consideration | | | STAGE 1 BAN: Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2022. Includes all plastic shopping bags with handles regardless of thickness. Includes plastic-laminated paper/cardboard bags. Also sets min 90gsm for non-woven polypropylene bags. Includes online & home delivery. | | |
| | Produce/ barrier bags | Second round ban 13 July 2022. Under current discussion with stakeholders. CONSULTATION CLOSING 12 JAN 2022. | Review in 2024. | | | Further consideration | | | Proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. No definition provided. | Proposed phase out mid 2023 of plastic produce bags. Bioplastics not exempt. | |
| | Other items with 'degradable' additives | Second round ban 13 July 2022. Under current discussion with stakeholders. CONSULTATION CLOSING 12 JAN 2022. | Review in 2024. | | | Ban comes into effect 1 March 2022. Bioplastics not exempt. | | | Proposed ban on "oxo-degradable" in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. No definition provided. | Phase out plastic packaging products with additive fragmentable technology that do not meet relevant compostable standards (AS4736:2009, AS5810:2019 and EN13432) (July 2022) | Proposed phase out late 2022. Includes oxo and photo degradable. |
| BEVERAGE CONTAINERS | 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 | Indicated intention to take action on single-use plastics |
| OTHER PLASTICS | Balloons | | | | | Balloon sticks and ties further consideration | | | ROUND 1 BAN: Ban on outdoor helium balloon releases enforceable 1 July 2022. | | |
| | Cotton buds with plastic shafts | Second round ban 13 July 2022. Under current discussion with stakeholders. CONSULTATION CLOSING 12 JAN 2022. | Will be banned 1 Nov 2022. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021. | | | | | | Proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. No definition provided. | Proposed phase out late 2022. Bioplastics not exempt. | |
| | Microbeads | | Plastic microbeads less than 5mm in rinse-off personal care products will be banned 1 Nov 2022. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021. | | | | | | Proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. No definition provided. | | |
| | Meat trays | Not included in EPS ban | Not included in EPS ban | | Not included in EPS ban | | | | Trays used for raw meat or seafood exempt. Those used for fruit/vegs are banned. | see EPS phase-out above | Proposed phase out late 2022 of PVC meat trays. |
| | Produce labels | | | | | | | | | | Proposed phase out mid 2023 of plastic produce labels. |
| | Other | | | | | | | Announced ban on cotton bud sticks to come into effect by 2023. | "Polystyrene packaging" proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023 | | By mid 2023, all other PVC food and beverage packaging. All other PS, food and beverage packaging. |
| Key Sources | ACT Single-Use Plastics (UPDATED) | NSW Plastics Action Plan (UPDATED) | | QLD Govt website (UPDATED) | Replace The Waste SA (UPDATED) | | Recycling Victoria | WAs Plastics Ban (UPDATED) | Bill | 2020 consultation paper | |
| | Contact NRA as key engagement partner of Government | Contact NRA as key engagement provider | | Contact NRA as key engagement provider | Contact NRA as key engagement provider | | | Round One info paper (NEW) | Plastics Plan | Website | |
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| NRA Submissions | ACT - July 2019 | NSW - May 2020 | | QLD - April 2020 | SA Draft Bill submission | NA, see Hobart | | | | | |
| NRA Representation | ACT SUP Advisory Group ACT Retailer engagement | NSW Retailer Engagement NSW Single-use Plastic Advisory Taskforce CDS Taskforce | | CDS Taskforce QLD Bag Ban Retailer engagement QLD SUP Advisory Group QLD SUP ban Retailer engagement | SA SUP Advisory Group SA SUP retailer engagement | CDS Taskforce | VIC bag ban advisory group VIC Plastic Reference Group CDS Taskforce VIC bag ban Retailer engagement | CDS Taskforce WA bag ban Retailer engagement WA Single-Use Plastics working group | National Plastics Summit APCO membership APCO Design Working Group EPS govt consultation group | NZ bag ban consultant | |

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

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| Hobart | A single use plastics by-law was introduced in 2020 and came into effect 8 April 2020. Being enforced from 1 July 2021. 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. |