



CURRENT STATUS OF PLASTIC LEGISLATION - NOVEMBER 2021

	ACT (UPDATED)	NSW (UPDATED)	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA (UPDATED)	FEDERAL	NZ (UPDATED)
Definition of "single-use"	"Single-use plastic product is a plastic product that is designed or intended to be used once only"	"Single-use, in relation to an item means an item designed or intended to be, or ordinarily, used only once for a particular purpose"	TBC	"Single-use plastic item means a plastic item, other than a plastic item that is compostable, designed to be used only once."	"Single-use, in relation to a product, means a product designed or intended to be used once or for a limited number of times before being disposed of"	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
FOOD SERVICE PLASTICS	Plastic straws	Amended on 1 July 2021. Under current discussion with stakeholders. Link to legislation	Will be banned 1 Nov 2021. Proposals NOT revised. 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 non-bioplastics not exempt.	Indicated intention to take action on single-use plastics, no immediate action underway. See below by law.	Announced ban to come into effect by 2023.	ROUND 1 BAN: Proposed ban to be enforceable 1 July 2022. Bioplastics not exempt.	Proposed phase out end 2021. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Plastic cutlery	First round ban. Ban came into effect 1 July 2021. Bioplastics and non-bioplastics not exempt. Select exemptions apply.	Will be banned 1 Nov 2021. Proposals NOT revised. 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 non-bioplastics not exempt.	as above	Announced ban to come into effect by 2023.	ROUND 1 BAN: Proposed ban to be enforceable 1 July 2022. Bioplastics not exempt.	Proposed phase out end 2021. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Plastic stirrers	First round ban. Ban came into effect 1 July 2021. Bioplastics and non-bioplastics not exempt.	Will be banned 1 Nov 2021. Proposals NOT revised. 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 non-bioplastics not exempt.	as above	Announced ban to come into effect by 2023.	ROUND 1 BAN: Proposed ban to be enforceable 1 July 2022. Bioplastics not exempt.	Proposed phase out end 2021. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Expanded polystyrene (EPS) takeaway containers & cups	Ban came into effect 1 July 2021. Pre-packaged exempt.	Will be banned 1 Nov 2021. Proposals NOT revised. Excludes pre-packaged through automated process before arrival. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021.	as above	Ban came into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes EPS cups, clamshells, plates comes into effect 1 March 2021. Bioplastics not exempt.	as above	Announced ban to come into effect by 2023.	ROUND 1 BAN: Proposed ban to be enforceable 1 July 2022. Description includes "all expanded polystyrene takeaway food containers including trays, bowls and clamshells, containers". Bioplastics not exempt.	Proposed phase out end 2021. Bioplastics not exempt.	Proposed phase out end 2021. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Plastic plates	Further consideration	Will be banned 1 Nov 2021. Proposals NOT revised. 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.	ROUND 1 BAN: Proposed ban to be enforceable 1 July 2022. Includes ban on PLA or PLA lined paperboard plates (flexible or rigid or coloured paper plates not possible).	Proposed phase out end 2021. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Plastic bowls	Further consideration	Will be banned 1 Nov 2021. 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	ROUND 1 BAN: Proposed ban to be enforceable 1 July 2022. Includes ban on plastic and PLA based lids. Only AU certified PLA lined paperboard bowls and lids, and CPLA level lids exempt.	Proposed phase out end 2021. Bioplastics not exempt.	Proposed phase out end 2021. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Plastic lined coffee cups and lids	Further consideration	Not explicitly mentioned but expect to align with cups strategy.	as above	Further consideration	Further consideration	as above	Proposed ban end 2022 (through forward). 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 wast paper"
	Plastic cold cups and lids	Further consideration	Review in 2024.	as above	Further consideration	Further consideration	as above	ROUND 1 BAN: Proposed ban enforceable by 1 July 2022. Includes all forms of cold cups including tubes, goblets, beer cups, etc. Allows only AU certified PLA lined paperboard cups and PLA lids. (Options for transparent bags will be possible).		"There is more work to do before we can phase out certain types of expanded polystyrene, single use cups (including coffee cups) and wast paper"
	Plastic takeaway containers and lids	Further consideration		as above	Further consideration	Further consideration	as above	Proposed ban end 2022 (through forward). No definition provided.		Proposed phase out end 2021 of all polystyrene packaging.
	Above items with 'degradable' additives					Any banned items above, which is in whole or part plastic, includes plastics with 'degradable' additives, such as one-degradable.				
BAGS	Lightweight plastic shopping bags	Link to legislation	10 reviews or less will be banned 1 June 2021. Proposals NOT revised. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021.	Link to legislation	Link to legislation	Link to legislation	Link to legislation	Link to legislation		Link to legislation
	Heavyweight plastic shopping bags	Further consideration	Review in 2024.	Further consideration, support NRA Code of Practice	Further consideration			ROUND 1 BAN: Proposed ban enforceable by 1 July 2022. Includes all standard plastic shopping bags with handles regardless of thickness. Includes plastic certified paper/cardboard bags. Also sets min 100gms for polypropylene bags.		Proposed phase out end 2021 of all polystyrene bags. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Produce / barrier bags	Link to legislation	Review in 2024.			Further consideration		Proposed ban end 2022 (through forward). No definition provided.		Proposed phase out end 2021 of all polystyrene bags. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Other items with 'degradable' additives	Link to legislation	Review in 2024.			Ban came into effect 1 March 2021. Bioplastics not exempt.		Proposed ban on "one-degradable" and "two-degradable" forward. No definition provided.	Link to legislation	Proposed phase out end 2021 of all polystyrene packaging.
BEVERAGE CONTAINERS	Container deposit schemes	YES - Nov 2018	YES - Dec 2017	YES - Jan 2012	YES - Nov 2018	YES - 2017, under review	Planned for 2022	Planned for 2023	YES	NO
	Balloons					Balloon sticks and ties further consideration				
OTHER PLASTICS	Cotton buds with plastic shafts	Link to legislation	Will be banned 1 Nov 2021. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021.					Proposed ban end 2022 (through forward). No definition provided.		Proposed phase out end 2021. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Microbeads		Plastic microbeads less than 5mm in size off personal care products will be banned 1 Nov 2021. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021.					Proposed ban end 2022 (through forward). No definition provided.		Proposed phase out end 2021 of PVC, clear labels.
	Meat trays	Not included in EPS ban	Not included in EPS ban					unless if included in EPS 'trays' ban	see EPS phase-out above	Proposed phase out end 2021 of PVC, clear labels.
	Produce labels									Proposed phase out end 2021 of PVC, clear labels.
	Other							Announced ban on cotton bud sticks to come into effect by 2023.	Proposed end 2022 ban "polystyrene packaging"	Proposed phase out end 2021 of PVC, clear labels.
Key Sources	ACT Single Use Plastics LEGISLATION	NSW Plastics Action Plan LEGISLATION		QLD Single Use LEGISLATION	Repeals The Waste Act LEGISLATION		Repealing Victoria	Plastic Plan 2021 LEGISLATION	EU	2020 consultation papers
	Contact NRA as key engagement partner of Government	Contact NRA as key engagement partner		Contact NRA as key engagement partner. NSW QLD SUP BAN WEBSITE	Contact NRA as key engagement partner		Contact NRA as key engagement partner	Round One LEGISLATION	Plastic Plan	Website
NRA Submissions	ACT - July 2020	NSW - May 2020		QLD - April 2020	SA - April 2020	NA, see Hobart		WA - July 2019		
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 NSW Single-Use Plastics working group	National Plastics Summit APCO membership APCO Design Working Group EPS sport 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

Hobart	A single use plastics by-law ban 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.