



CURRENT STATUS OF PLASTIC LEGISLATION - MAY 2022

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA (UPDATED)	FEDERAL	NZ (UPDATED)	
HOOD SERVICE PLASTICS	Plastic straws	Second round ban (1 July 2022). Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt. Exemptions apply.	Banned 1 Nov 2021. Bioplastics NOT exempt. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Exemptions apply. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021.	Indicated intention to take action on single-use plastics, no immediate action underway.	See come into effect 1 March 2021. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Australian certified compostable is exempt.	See come into effect 1 March 2021. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt. Exemptions apply.	Indicated intention to take action on single-use plastics, no immediate action underway. See Hobart by law.	GHRT REGULATIONS May 2022 - Proposed to come into effect by Feb 2023. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt. Exemptions apply.	STAGE 1 BAN. Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2023. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt. Exemptions apply.		Proposed phase out mid 2023. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Plastic cutlery	First round ban. Ban came into effect 1 July 2021. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt. Exemptions for direct imports cease 1 July 2022.	Banned 1 Nov 2021. Bioplastics NOT exempt. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021.		See come into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Australian certified compostable is exempt.	See come into effect 1 March 2021. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt.		GHRT REGULATIONS May 2022 - Proposed to come into effect by Feb 2023. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt.	STAGE 1 BAN. Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2023. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt.		Proposed phase out mid 2023. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Plastic stirrers	First round ban. Ban came into effect 1 July 2021. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt.	Banned 1 Nov 2021. Bioplastics NOT exempt. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021.		See come into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Australian certified compostable is exempt.	See come into effect 1 March 2021. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt.		GHRT REGULATIONS May 2022 - Proposed to come into effect by Feb 2023. Compostable plastics not exempt. Pre-packaged items in food & bev exempt until 2025.	STAGE 1 BAN. Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2023. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt.		Proposed phase out late 2023. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Expanded polystyrene (EPS) takeaway containers & cups	Ban came into effect 1 July 2021. Includes EPS clamshells, food containers and cups. Does not include trays and plates. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Exemption for specific plastic containers until July 2023.	Banned 1 Nov 2021. Includes EPS clamshells, food containers and cups. Does not include trays and plates. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Exemption for specific plastic containers until July 2023.		See come into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes pre-packaged food & bev.	Ban on EPS clamshells, containers and cups came into effect 1 March 2021. Trays and packaging exempt. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev.		GHRT REGULATIONS May 2022 - Proposed to come into effect by Feb 2023. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt. Pre-packaged items in food & bev exempt until 2025.	STAGE 1 BAN. Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2023. All expanded polystyrene (EPS) containers including food containers including bowls, clamshells, containers and trays (including trays used for sea meat or seafood), including EPS cups, pre-packaged EPS or reusable cooler boxes.	Proposed phase out in Pacific States from 2022. See GHRT Regulations.	Proposed phase out late 2023. Does include all polystyrene takeaways. Look out for alternative packaging.
	Plastic plates	Ban came into effect 1 July 2021. Excludes items with heat-resistant, food containers and cups. Does not include trays and plates. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Exemption for specific plastic containers until July 2023.	Banned 1 Nov 2021. Bioplastics NOT exempt. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics NOT exempt. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021.		See come into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Australian certified compostable is exempt. Excludes plastic-lined paper plates.	Proposed ban. Exemptable, reusable and compostable. www.wa.gov.au/legislation/prepare/prepare.htm		GHRT REGULATIONS May 2022 - Proposed to come into effect by Feb 2023. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt. Pre-packaged items in food & bev exempt until 2025.	STAGE 1 BAN. Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2023. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt. Paper plates with plastic coating not exempt.		Proposed phase out mid 2023. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Plastic bowls	Ban came into effect 1 July 2021. Excludes items with heat-resistant, food containers and cups. Does not include trays and plates. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Exemption for specific plastic containers until July 2023.	Banned 1 Nov 2021. Excludes items with heat-resistant, food containers and cups. Does not include trays and plates. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Bioplastics NOT exempt. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021.		See come into effect 1 Sept 2021. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Australian certified compostable is exempt. Excludes plastic-lined paper bowls.	Proposed ban. Exemptable, reusable and compostable. www.wa.gov.au/legislation/prepare/prepare.htm		GHRT REGULATIONS May 2022 - Proposed to come into effect by Feb 2023. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt. Pre-packaged items in food & bev exempt until 2025.	STAGE 1 BAN. Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2023. Unfilled bowls only (if not hot or heated), include paper bowls with plastic coating. Only the certified expanded food and drink material. Non-compostable plastics banned. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev.		Proposed phase out mid 2023. Bioplastics not exempt.
	Plastic cups for hot drinks		Review in 2024.		Further consideration.	Proposed ban. Exemptable, reusable and compostable. www.wa.gov.au/legislation/prepare/prepare.htm		Not banned in STAGE 1 in cups for hot drinks not banned. Proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. Regulations yet to be provided.		"There is more work to do before we can phase out certain types of expanded polystyrene, single-use cups (including coffee cups) and beer mugs"	
	Plastic cups for cold drinks		Review in 2024.		Further consideration.	Proposed ban. Exemptable, reusable and compostable. www.wa.gov.au/legislation/prepare/prepare.htm		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, fibre, plastic, beer, cool, etc. Only the certified paper-based lined with average thickness no reinforcement cup will be allowed. Non-compostable plastic bamboo includes items in pre-packaged food & bev.		"There is more work to do before we can phase out certain types of expanded polystyrene, single-use cups (including coffee cups) and beer mugs"	
	Plastic cup lids		Review in 2024.		Further consideration.	Proposed ban. Exemptable, reusable and compostable. www.wa.gov.au/legislation/prepare/prepare.htm		Lid proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. Regulations yet to be provided.			
	Plastic takeaway containers and lids	Proposed for Jan 2023	Review in 2024.		Further consideration.	Proposed ban. Exemptable, reusable and compostable. www.wa.gov.au/legislation/prepare/prepare.htm		STAGE 1 BAN. Ban on unfilled food containers to be enforceable 1 July 2022. If this lid not banned, only the certified expanded food and drink material is exempt. Lid ban proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. Regulations yet to be provided.		Proposed phase out late 2023 of all polystyrene takeaways. Look out for alternative packaging.	
BAGS	Lightweight plastic shopping bags	See Nov 2011 (not New South Wales). Compostable plastics only.	10 months in trial banned 1 June 2021. Bioplastics NOT exempt. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021.	See Sept 2011 (not New South Wales). No exempt.	See July 2010 (not New South Wales).	See May 2009 (not New South Wales). No exempt.	See Nov 2011 (not New South Wales). No exempt.	See Nov 2011 (not New South Wales). No exempt.		See July 2010 (not New South Wales). No exempt.	
	Heavyweight plastic shopping bags		Review in 2024.		Further consideration, support MA Code of Practice	Proposed ban. Exemptable, reusable and compostable. www.wa.gov.au/legislation/prepare/prepare.htm		STAGE 1 BAN. Ban to be enforceable 1 July 2023. Includes all plastic shopping bags with handles regardless of thickness, includes plastic-lined paper-lined bags. Not with the lid for the most common polystyrene bags. Includes coffee & home delivery.			
	Produce / barrier bags	Further consideration.	Review in 2024.		Further consideration.	Proposed ban. Exemptable, reusable and compostable. www.wa.gov.au/legislation/prepare/prepare.htm		Proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. Regulations yet to be provided.		Proposed phase out mid 2023 of plastic produce bags. Bioplastics not exempt.	
	Plastic items with 'degradable' additives (other than those certified compostable)	Second round ban (1 July 2022). Compostable plastics are exempt.	Review in 2024.		See come into effect 1 March 2022.	See come into effect 1 March 2022.		Proposed ban on "bio-degradable" in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. Regulations yet to be provided.	See GHRT REGULATIONS May 2022 - Proposed to come into effect by Feb 2023. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt. Pre-packaged items in food & bev exempt until 2025.	Proposed phase out late 2023 includes all polystyrene, bioplastics, and other alternative packaging.	
BEVERAGE CONTAINERS	Container deposit schemes	YES - Nov 2018	YES - Nov 2017	YES - Jan 2012	YES - 1977 under review	Planned for 2022	Planned for 2022	YES	NO	Lid ban proposed to take action on single-use plastics.	
	Balloons				Further consideration.	Proposed ban. www.wa.gov.au/legislation/prepare/prepare.htm		ROUND 1 BAN. Ban on balloon helium balloons releases enforceable 1 July 2022.			
OTHER PLASTICS	Cotton buds with plastic shafts	Second round ban (1 July 2022). Medical and finance only exempt.	Banned 1 Nov 2021.		Further consideration.	Proposed ban. Exemptable, reusable and compostable. www.wa.gov.au/legislation/prepare/prepare.htm		GHRT REGULATIONS May 2022 - Proposed to come into effect by Feb 2023.		Proposed phase out late 2023. Bioplastics not exempt.	
	Microbeads	Proposed for Jan 2023	Plastic microbeads has been banned in almost all personal care products will be banned 1 Nov 2022. Legislation passed 16 Nov 2021.					Proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. Regulations yet to be provided.			
	Meat trays	Not included in EPS ban	Not included in EPS ban		Not included in EPS ban	Proposed ban. Exemptable, reusable and compostable. www.wa.gov.au/legislation/prepare/prepare.htm		Not included in EPS ban	Trays used for fresh or seafood exempt. Those used for fish/seafood products are banned 1 July 2022.	Proposed phase out late 2023 of PVC meat trays.	
	Produce labels					Proposed ban. www.wa.gov.au/legislation/prepare/prepare.htm				Proposed phase out mid 2023 of plastic produce labels.	
	Other	EPS packaging proposed for Jan 2023				Proposed ban. www.wa.gov.au/legislation/prepare/prepare.htm			"This measure packaging" proposed in STAGE 2 ban to be enforceable 2023. Regulations yet to be provided.	See GHRT REGULATIONS May 2022 - Proposed to come into effect by Feb 2023. Excludes items in pre-packaged food & bev. Compostable plastics not exempt. Pre-packaged items in food & bev exempt until 2025.	
KEY SOURCES	Key Sources	ACT: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NSW: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NT: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 QLD: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 SA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 VIC: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 WA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 FEDERAL: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NZ: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021	NSW: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NT: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 QLD: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 SA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 VIC: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 WA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 FEDERAL: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NZ: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021	NSW: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NT: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 QLD: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 SA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 VIC: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 WA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 FEDERAL: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NZ: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021	NSW: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NT: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 QLD: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 SA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 VIC: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 WA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 FEDERAL: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NZ: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021	NSW: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NT: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 QLD: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 SA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 VIC: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 WA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 FEDERAL: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NZ: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021	NSW: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NT: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 QLD: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 SA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 VIC: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 WA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 FEDERAL: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NZ: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021	NSW: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NT: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 QLD: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 SA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 VIC: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 WA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 FEDERAL: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NZ: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021	NSW: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NT: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 QLD: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 SA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 VIC: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 WA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 FEDERAL: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NZ: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021	NSW: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NT: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 QLD: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 SA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 VIC: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 WA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 FEDERAL: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NZ: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021	NSW: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NT: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 QLD: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 SA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 VIC: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 WA: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 FEDERAL: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021 NZ: Single Use Plastics (SUP) Act 2021

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

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.hobart.tas.gov.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.