

# AUS & NZ Bans on Single-Use Plastics

KEY:  = Banned  = Ban yet to commence  = Proposed (Subject to consultation)

| Last Updated: 17 February 2023      | ACT   | NSW   | NT  | QLD  | SA  | TAS   | VIC   | WA  | NZ  |
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| Plates & Bowls                      |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |    |
| Straws                              |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |    |
| Cutlery                             |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |    |
| Plastic Cups + Lids                 |   |   |   |  |    |   |   |    |   |
| Coffee Cups Containing Plastic      |   |   |   |  |    |   |   |    |   |
| Drink Stirrers                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Plastic Takeaway Containers         |  |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| Polystyrene Containers (Food/Drink) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |
| Lightweight Plastic Bags            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heavyweight Plastic Bags            |  |   |  |  |  |   |   |  |   |
| Fruit & Veggie Produce Bags         |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| Microbeads                          |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |   |
| Cotton Bud Sticks                   |  |  |   |  |  |   |  |  |  |
| Balloons                            |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |

## FEDERAL BANS

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-packed cutlery/ straws (i.e. on juice boxes). Helium balloon releases have also been formally banned in QLD, VIC & WA.