



Single-use Plastic Bans

(as of December 2025)



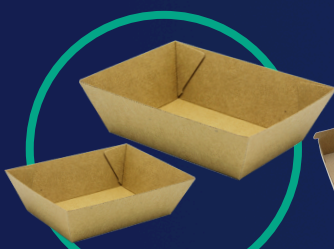
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Foodware and utensils

	banned	in discussion
	upcoming ban	accepted

		NSW	VIC	QLD	ACT	WA	SA	Hobart	NT	NZ
Utensils	Plastic straws	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	in discussion	banned
	Plastic cutlery	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	in discussion	banned
	Plastic stirrers	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	in discussion	banned
	Wooden cutlery	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted
Foodware (without lids)	Plastic plates	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	accepted	in discussion	banned
	Plastic bowls (without lids)	banned	accepted	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	in discussion	banned
	Plastic containers (without lids)	in discussion	accepted	TBC	accepted	banned	banned	banned	accepted	accepted
	Plastic-coated paper plates	banned	banned	exempt	banned	banned	banned	accepted	in discussion	accepted
	Plastic-coated paper bowls	banned	accepted	exempt	banned	banned	banned	accepted	in discussion	accepted
	Kraft trays & bowls	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted
	EPS trays e.g. meat, fresh produce	in discussion	accepted	TBC	banned	banned	banned	accepted	in discussion	accepted
Foodware (with lids)	Plastic bowls (with lids)	in discussion	accepted	TBC	accepted	banned	banned	banned	accepted	accepted
	Plastic takeaway containers (with lids)	in discussion	accepted	TBC	accepted	banned	banned	banned	accepted	accepted
	Plastic lined paper cartons e.g. sushi tray, noodle box	in discussion	accepted	accepted	accepted	banned	banned	banned	accepted	accepted
	Plastic windows in paper food containers e.g. display boxes, catering trays	in discussion	accepted	accepted	accepted	banned	banned	accepted	accepted	accepted
	EPS clamshells	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	banned	accepted	in discussion	banned
	EPS multi-serve gelato containers	exempt	exempt	banned	exempt	banned	banned	accepted	in discussion	accepted
	Kraft clamshells & boxes	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted	accepted



✓ Kraft trays



✓ Kraft clamshells



✓ Wooden cutlery



✓ White kraft

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Drinkware

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Cups	Plastic bottles	Design standard in effect 2017	Proposed for design standards 2023	Design standard in effect 2018	Design standard in effect 2018	Design standard in effect 2020	Design standard in effect 1977	Proposed for design standards 2023	Design standard in effect 2012	Proposed for design standards 2025
	Plastic cups for cold drinks	Design standard in effect 2028		TBC						
	Plastic cups for hot drinks	Design standard in effect 2028		TBC						
	EPS cups for hot & cold drinks									
	Plastic (PE) lined cups for hot drinks	Design standard in effect 2028		TBC					Darwin only	
	Plastic (PE) lined cups for cold drinks	Design standard in effect 2028		TBC					Darwin only	
	PLA lined paper cups for hot & cold drinks	Design standard in effect 2028		TBC		Only AS5810/AS4736 accepted	Only AS5810/AS4736 accepted			
	Aqueous paper cup for hot & cold drinks	Design standard in effect 2028		TBC		Only AS5810/AS4736 accepted	Only AS5810/AS4736 accepted			
Lids	Plastic lids (for take-away drinks)	Design standard in effect 2028		TBC						
	Paper lids (for take-away drinks)	Design standard in effect 2028					Only AS5810/AS4736 accepted			

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Bans for single-use cups are emerging. Find out more about the different types of paper cups and their sustainability claims.

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Other

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EPS packaging (loose fill)									
EPS packaging (moulded)									
Lightweight plastic shopping bags <36 microns									
Heavyweight plastic shopping bags >36 microns			Reusable standard Sept 2023						
Paper bags with plastic laminate									
Fabric bags				Design standard in effect 2024	Design standard in effect 2022	Proposed for design standards 2024			
Produce/barrier bags (fruit & veg)					Design standard in effect 2025				
Produce/barrier bags (meat & other)			TBC		Design standard in effect 2025				
Plastics with 'degradable' additives			TBC						
Condiment packaging / soy sauce fish									
Sauce sachets			TBC						
Produce labels									July 2023* (see details)
Bread tags / similar			TBC						
PVC pre-formed food trays and containers									
Pizza savers									