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		Status update:	New ban announced on 17/03.	Consultation closed, awaiting govt update. Proposed start dates have passed.	Consultation closed, awaiting govt update. Proposed start dates have passed.	No further bans announced	No further bans announced	Consultation closed, awaiting govt update. Proposed start dates have passed.	No further bans announced	No further bans announced	Consultation ongoing	No further bans announced
		Red font indicates recent updates	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	FEDERAL AUST	NZ
GENERAL	Position on certified compostable plastic	banned, varied in new plan	mostly banned	TBC	mostly banned	mostly allowed, see website	TBC, active paper suggests allowed	banned	some types allowed	recyclable preferred	varied	
UTENSILS	Plastic straws	Jul-22	Nov-22	Date TBC	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC	Feb-23	Jul-22	Jul-23	Jul-23	
	Plastic cutlery	Jul-21	Nov-22	Date TBC	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC	Feb-23	Jul-22	Jul-23	Jul-23 incl. integrated	
	Plastic stirrers	Jul-22	Nov-22	Date TBC	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC	Feb-23	Jul-22	Jul-23	Oct-22	
FOODWARE (without lids)	Product stewardship scheme for cups and containers		2030 - details TBC									
	Plastic plates	Jul-23	Nov-22	Date TBC	Sep-21	Sep-23		Feb-23	Jul-22	Jul-23	Jul-23 *see details	
	Plastic bowls without lids	Jul-23	Nov-22	Date TBC	Sep-21	Sep-23	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC		Jul-22	Jul-23	Jul-23	
	Plastic containers without lids		Recyclable & labelled mid 2028			Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC		Jul-22			
	Polymer-coated paper plates	Nov-24	Nov-24	Date TBC	exempt	Nov-24	TAS date TBC	Nov-24	Jul-22			
	Polymer-coated paper bowls without lids	Nov-24	Nov-24	Date TBC	exempt	Nov-24	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC		Jul-22			
FOODWARE (with lids)	Plastic bowls with lids	Ban 2028 TBC	Recyclable & labelled mid 2028			Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC		Sep-24			
	Plastic takeaway containers with lids/windows/seals		Recyclable & labelled mid 2028			Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC		Sep-24			
	Plastic lined paper cartons (eg. noodle box)		Recyclable & labelled mid 2028			Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC		Sep-24			
	Plastic lid/windows/seals for food containers		Recyclable & labelled mid 2028			Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC		Sep-24			
	PP or PET rectangular lidded food containers		Recyclable & labelled mid 2028			Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC		Sep-24			
	Plastic lidded bowls/containers containing hot soupy food	Ban 2028 TBC	Recyclable & labelled mid 2028			Exempt until Sep 2029			Exempt until Sept 2026			
	Condiment packaging / soy sauce fish	Ban 2028 TBC	Recyclable and labelled 2030			Exempt until Mar 2026						
	Sauce sachets	Ban 2028 TBC	Recyclable and labelled 2030			Sep-25	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC					
	Non-compostable produce labels	Ban 2028 TBC	Ban end 2030 - details TBC				TAS date TBC					
	Bread tags / similar rigid tags used to close a bag	Ban 2028 TBC	Ban late 2027 - details TBC				Ban postponed				Postponed to Jul-28	
	Polystyrene (PS) takeaway food/bev packaging		See non-recyclable bans				Sep-24					
	PVC pre-formed food trays and containers										Oct-22	
	PS and PVC food packaging (pre-packaged)										Oct-22	
	Plastic sticks for lollipops, ice-cream, foods	Ban 2028 TBC	Ban late 2028				TAS date TBC				TBC	
	Pizza savers	Ban 2028 TBC	Ban late 2027				TAS date TBC					
	Items in pre-packaged food/bev products	Ban 2028 TBC	31-Dec-24		31-Dec-25	31-Aug-25	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC	31-Dec-25	varied		some integrated included	
DRINKWARE	Plastic beverage containers (eg. bottles) ie. CDS	2018	2017	2012	2018	1977	2023	2023	2020		2025 TBC	
	Plastic beverage container lids		recyclable and tether 2030									
	Plastic beverage stoppers/plugs		Unclear				Sep-24					
	Plastic cups for cold drinks	Ban 2028 TBC	Recyclable & labelled mid 2028				Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC		Oct-22		
	Plastic cups for hot drinks	Ban 2028 TBC	Recyclable & labelled mid 2028				Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC		Mar-24		
	Plastic cup lids & seals	Ban 2028 TBC	Recyclable & labelled mid 2028				Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS date TBC		Mar-24		
	Business must accept reusable cups		Mid 2028									
	Business must provide reusable cups		2030									
EPS	EPS foodware (eg. clamshells)	Jul-22	Nov-22	Date TBC	Sep-21	Mar-22	TAS date TBC	Feb-23	Jul-22	2022	Oct-22	
	EPS cups	Jul-22	Nov-22	Date TBC	Sep-21	Mar-22	TAS date TBC	Feb-23	Sep-23	2022	Oct-22	
	EPS trays (eg. meat, fresh produce)	Jul-23	Ban late 2027	Date TBC		Sep-24	TAS date TBC		Jul-22 / Sep-23	2022	Oct-22	
	EPS multi-serve gelato container	unsure	exemption ends 31 Dec 2024	Date TBC	Sep-21	Sep-29	TAS date TBC	exempt	Jul-22	2022	Oct-22	
	EPS pre-packaged food/drink (eg. noodle cups)		exemption ends 31 Dec 2024	Date TBC	exemption ends 31 Dec 2025	Sep-25	TAS date TBC	exemption ends 31 Dec 2025			Oct-22	
	EPS packaging (loose fill)	Jul-23	Ban late 2027	Date TBC	Sep-23		TAS date TBC			2025 TBC		
	EPS packaging (moulded*)		Ban mid 2028	Date TBC			TAS date TBC			2025 TBC	Oct-22	
OTHER FOAMED PLASTIC	Expanded plastic packaging (loose fill) eg. EPE, EVA, bio		Ban late 2027				TAS date TBC			Sep-23		
	Expanded plastic packaging (moulded*) eg. EPE, EVA, bio		Ban mid 2028				TAS date TBC			Jul-25		
BAGS	Lightweight plastic shopping bags (<36 microns)	cert. compostable exempt					cert. compostable exempt					
	Heavyweight plastic shopping bags (>36 microns)	Jan-24	Ban late 2027 - details TBC	Date TBC	Reusable Std by Sep-23		TAS date TBC		Jul-22		Jul-19	
	Paper bags with plastic laminate	Jan-24	Ban late 2027				TAS date TBC		Jul-22		Jul-23 (<70um)	
	Fabric bags	Jan-24					Sep-24		Jul-22			
	Non-compostable produce bags (fruit, veg, nuts, conf)	Ban 2028 TBC	Unclear				TAS date TBC		Sep-24 plus design std Oct-25		Jul-23	
	Non-compostable barrier bags (meat, seafood, dairy)		Unclear				TAS date TBC		Oct-26*			
	Plastic flower bags/sleeves	Ban 2028 TBC										
	Plastic umbrella bags		Ban late 2027									
OTHER	Plastics with 'degradable' additives	Jul-22	Ban late 2027			Mar-22	TAS date TBC		Sep-23	TBC	Oct-22	
	Intentionally added PFAS / harmful chemicals		Unclear									
	Cotton buds with plastic shafts	Jul-22	Nov-22		Sep-23	Sep-23	TAS date TBC	Feb-23	Sep-23		Oct-22	
	Plastic microbeads - personal care & cleaning rinse-off	Jul-23	Nov 2022 and late 2027	Date TBC	Sep-23		TAS date TBC		Sep-23	voluntary code	Jun-18	
	Balloon releases		Ban late 2026		Sep-23		banned		Jul-22			
	Balloon ties or sticks		Ban late 2027				Sep-24	TAS date TBC				
	Plastic confetti / table scatters	Ban 2028 TBC					Sep-24	TAS date TBC				
	Plastic bait bags											
	Cigarette butts	Ban 2028 TBC	Unclear									
	Washing machine filters in new machines		mid-2028									
	Labelling requirements						various items					
	Mandated packaging design standards								barrier bag std		2025 TBC	

Already banned	Banned soon - regs passed	Proposed for ban - regs not yet passed	Design standards / CDS in effect	Proposed for design standards / CDS
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IMPORTANT: The rules, exemptions and definitions for each state ban vary greatly. Please check each government website for details.

KEY SOURCES	How to get help:	Contact govt	Contact govt	Contact govt	Contact NRA	Contact govt	Contact govt	Contact govt	Contact NRA	Contact govt	Contact govt
	Active plastics policy paper:	Released March 2026	Released Nov 2025	Released March 2023	No recent paper	No recent paper	Released Sept 2024	No recent paper	No recent paper	Design standard draft	No recent paper
	Government website:	ACT City Services	NSW EPA Plastics Ban 2.0	Circular Economy Strategy	QLD Plastic Bans	ReplaceTheWaste SA	TAS Plastics Ban	VIC Plastics Ban	DWER Govt website	National Packaging Targets	NZ Plastics Plan
	Dedicated business website:				QLD Plastics Ban				Plastics Ban WA		
	Passed legislation:	2023 Act	Act - Sch 1		Act - Part 3AA	2021 Regulations		2022 Regulations	2025 Regulations		
	Other resources:		Existing NSW bans	Darwin by-law			Hobart by-law			Packaging reform	