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Australia and New Zealand are taking action against single-use problematic plastics.

The complexity of packaging legislation is expected to continue as government and industry bodies progress reform to act on problematic plastics.

We're staying ahead of legislative changes, so you can feel confident we've got you covered.

Our extensive range of recyclable and compostable packaging solutions offer sustainable alternatives suitable for your location.

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Summary of Single-Use Plastic Bans



See our handy guide for what is banned and accepted in Nationwide Single Use Plastic Bans

Information current as at February 2026 and subject to legislative changes without notice.

Item		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUS	NZ
		Bans in effect.	Plastics Plan 2.0 Released with a focus on Recyclable and Reuseable options.	Consultation closed, awaiting govt. update.	May 2024, advised all future bans on hold - Roadmap Consultation Expected soon.	Certified Compostable Packaging requires labeling to be compliant. *Exemption for Square or Rectangular Plastic Containers & Lids until Aug 2029.	Consultation closed, awaiting govt. update.	No further bans announced.	Produce & Barrier Bags Mandatory Standard announced and enforced. Plastic lidded bowls/containers containing hot soupy food exempt 09/2026.	Pending update.	May 2024 advised 3rd Phase of SUPPs on hold and will be in effect no earlier than mid-2026.
General	Items in pre-packaged food/bev products	Exempt	X			X		X	X Varied		X Some integrated included
	Position on certified compostable plastic	X	X		X Varied	X Varied		X	X Varied		X Varied
Utensils	Plastic straws (including lined paper)	X	X	X TBC	X	X	X Hobart only	X	X		X
	Plastic cutlery	X	X	X TBC	X	X	X Hobart only	X	X		X Incl. integrated
	Plastic stirrers	X	X	X TBC	X	X	X Hobart only	X	X		X
Foodware (without lids)	Plastic plates	X	X	X TBC	X	X	X	X	X		X
	Plastic bowls without lids (PP / PET / PS)	X	X	X TBC	X	X	X Hobart only		X		X
	Plastic containers without lids (PP / PET / PS)		X 2027		X TBC on hold	X	X Hobart only		X		
	Plastic lined paper plates	X	X	X TBC	X Exempt	X		X	X		
	Plastic lined paper bowls	X	X	X TBC	X Exempt	X			X		
	Plastic lined paper bowls - Compostable*		X TBC								
Foodware (with lids)	Uncoated Paper, Bagasse or Sugarcane Plates										
	Clear Plastic bowls with lids		X TBC		X TBC on hold	X Hot Soupy Food Exempt Mar 2026	X Hobart only		X		
	Clear Plastic bowls with lids - Compostable*		X TBC						X		
	Clear Plastic takeaway containers with lids/windows/seals		X TBC		X TBC on hold	X PP / PET Containers Exempt Sept 2029	X Hobart only		X		
	Clear Plastic takeaway containers with lids/windows/seals - Compostable*		X TBC						X		
	Plastic lined paper cartons (Lunch or noodle box)		X TBC			X	X Hobart only		X		
	Plastic lined paper cartons (Lunch or noodle box) - Compostable*		X TBC						X		
	Plastic lid/windows/seals for food containers		X TBC			X			X		
Other Food Packaging	Plastic lid/windows/seals for food containers - Compostable*		X TBC						X		
	Uncoated Paper Board, Bagasse or Sugarcane Trays & Catering Platters										
	Condiment packaging / soy sauce fish		X Label 2027 + Recyclable 2030			X			X		
	Sauce sachets		X Label 2027 + Recyclable 2030		X TBC on hold		X Hobart only				
	Non-compostable produce labels		X 2030			X TBC					X Postponed 07/26
	Bread tags / similar rigid tags used to close a bag		X 2027 + Temp Exemp		X TBC on hold	X					
	Polystyrene (PS) takeaway food/bev packaging										X
Drinkware & Lids	PVC pre-formed food trays and containers										X
	PS and PVC food packaging (pre-packaged)										X TBC 2026
	Plastic sticks for lollipops, ice-cream, foods		X								
	Pizza savers		X			X					
	Plastic beverage stoppers/plugs		X TBC			X					
	Plastic cups for cold drinks - Clear PET / PP / PS		X 2028 Recyclable		X TBC on hold	X	X Hobart only		X		
Expanded Polystyrene (EPS)	Plastic cups for cold drinks - Clear Compostable*		X TBC						X		
	Plastic lined paper cups for cold drinks		X 2028 Recyclable		X TBC on hold	X	X Hobart only		X		
	Plastic lined paper cups for cold drinks - Compostable*		X TBC								
	Plastic lined paper cups for hot drinks		X 2028 Recyclable		X TBC on hold	X	X Hobart only		X		
	Plastic lined paper cups for hot drinks - Paper Lined Compostable*		X TBC								
	Plastic hot & cold cup lids & seals (PS / PP / PET)		X 2028 Recyclable		X TBC on hold	X	X Hobart only		X		
	Plastic hot & cold cup lids & seals - Compostable (CPLA / Lined Paper)		X TBC						X		
Other Foamed Plastic	Alternative hot & cold cup lids - Bagasse / Sugarcane / Plastic Free		X 2028 Recyclable						X		
	Expanded plastic packaging (loose fill) eg. EPE, EVA, bio		X 2027						X		
	Expanded plastic packaging (moulded*) eg. EPE, EVA, bio		X 2028						X		
	EPS foodware (eg clamshells)	X	X	X TBC	X	X		X	X	X	X
	EPS cups	X	X	X TBC	X	X		X	X	X	X
	EPS trays (eg. meat, fresh produce)	X	X 2027	X TBC	X TBC on hold	X		X	X	X	X
Bags	EPS multi-serve gelato container	Exempt	X 2027	X TBC	X	X 09/29		X Currently exempt	X	X	X
	EPS pre-packaged containers (eg. noodle cups)		X TBC			X			X		X
	EPS packaging (loose fill)	X	X 2027	X TBC	X				X	X TBC	
	EPS packaging (moulded)		X 2027	X TBC					X	X TBC	X
	Other Foamed Plastic		X 2028						X		
Other	Lightweight plastic shopping bags (<36 microns)	X Cert. compostable exempt	X	X TBC	X	X Cert. compostable exempt	X	X	X		X
	Heavyweight plastic shopping bags (>36 microns)	X	X 2027	X TBC	X TBC on hold - Reusable Std	X			X		X
	Paper bags with plastic laminate	X	X 2027			X			X		
	Fabric bags	X				X			X		
	Non-compostable produce bags (fruit, veg & dry goods)		X 2027			X			X		X
Other	Non-compostable barrier bags (meat & other)		X 2027		X TBC on hold	X Postponed to 09/27			X 10/26		
	Plastics with 'degradable' additives	X	X		X TBC on hold	X			X	X TBC	X
	Intentionally added PFAS / harmful chemicals		X 2028							X TBC	X
	Mandated packaging design standards									X TBC	

Exemptions may apply for items which are pre-packaged, are multi-serve or are for items which are considered as an ingredient or component of another dish. Please check with your Detpak representative or dedicated SUPPs website for more information.
 # Pre-packaged definition varies by state please see each dedicated State SUPPs website for more information.
 *Compostable: For the purpose of this document, compostable is defined as packaging which has been certified to either AS 4736:2006 (industrial compostability) or AS 5810:2010 (home compostability). Compostable items for SA must also be labelled with details of their certification.

X Banned
 X Enforcement Upcoming
 X Proposed for Future Ban / Review / Under Consultation
X Mandatory Packaging Design Standard
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