



ACTION ON PLASTIC SCORECARD

What are Australian states doing to tackle our plastic problem?

● A State policy has been announced (3 points) ● A State has taken some action (1 point) ● A State has not taken any action (0 points)

ACTION ON PLASTIC - SCORECARD	NSW	VIC	ACT	QLD	WA	TAS	NT	SA
State bans on plastic bags	✗	✓ Ban to take effect from November 2019. Ban includes degradable, biodegradable & compostable plastic shopping bags.	✓ Banned since 2011. ✗ Ban does not include compostable biodegradable plastic shopping bags.	✓ Banned since 2018. Ban includes degradable, biodegradable & compostable plastic shopping bags.	✓ Banned since 2018. Ban includes degradable, biodegradable & compostable plastic shopping bags.	✓ Banned since 2013. ✗ Ban does not include compostable biodegradable plastic shopping bags.	✓ Banned since 2011. ✗ Ban does not include degradable, biodegradable & compostable plastic shopping bags.	✓ Banned since 2009. ✗ Ban does not include compostable plastic shopping bags.
State bans on microbeads	A Federal Government voluntary industry phase-out implemented in 2016 has led to 94% of products no longer containing microbeads – a ban may be needed to capture the final 6%.							
State bans on single-use plastic cups	✗	✗	? Ban under consideration by ACT Government	✗	? Ban under consideration by WA Government	✗	✗	? Ban under consideration by SA Government
State bans on plastic lids & coffee cup lids	✗	✗	? Ban under consideration by ACT Government	✗	? Ban under consideration by WA Government	✗	✗	? Ban under consideration by SA Government
State bans on balloons & balloon sticks	? Since 1999, the NSW Government has banned the release of 20 or more helium balloons (classified as illegal litter)	✗	? Since 2005, the ACT Government has banned the release of 20 or more balloons into the open air	? Queensland Government classifies the release of balloons as littering or illegal dumping	? Ban under consideration by WA Government	✗	✗	✗
State bans on plastic plates	✗	✗	? Ban under consideration by ACT Government	✗	? Ban under consideration by the WA Government	✗	✗	? Ban under consideration by the SA Government
State bans on plastic straws	✗	✗	? Ban under consideration by ACT Government	✗	? Ban under consideration by the WA Government	✗	✗	✓ Ban announced by SA Government on 6 July 2019
State bans on plastic utensils	✗	✗	? Ban under consideration by ACT Government	✗	? Ban under consideration by the WA Government	✗	✗	✓ Ban announced by SA Government on 6 July 2019
State bans on plastic containers	✗	✗	? Ban under consideration by ACT Government	✗	? Ban under consideration by the WA Government	✗	✗	? Ban under consideration by the SA Government
State bans on plastic packaging	✗	✗	? Ban under consideration by ACT Government	✗	? Ban under consideration by the WA Government	✗	✗	✗
States with cash for containers scheme	✓ Implemented 1 Dec 2017	✗	✓ Scheme began on 30 June 2018	✓ Scheme began on 1 November 2018	✓ Scheme Starts on Tuesday, 2 June 2020	✓ Will implement a container refund scheme by 2022	✓ Implemented 2017	✓ Implemented 1977
RESULTS - SCORECARD	NSW: 4	VIC: 3	ACT: 14	QLD: 7	WA: 14	TAS: 6	NT: 6	SA: 16
Who's leading the way on plastic policy?	Coming in last	Coming in last	Catching up	Coming in last	Catching up	Coming in last	Coming in last	Front runner