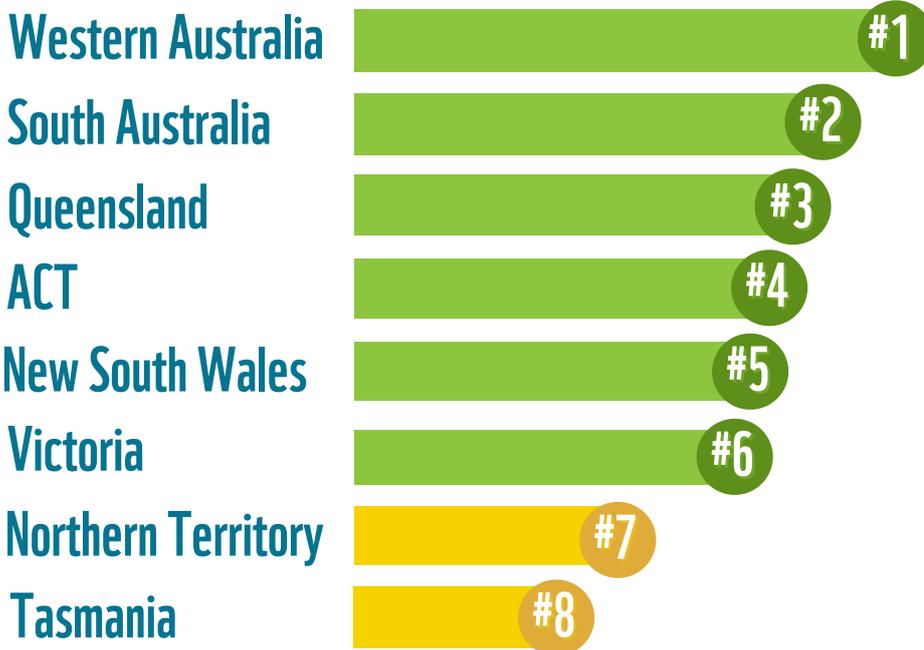


THE STATE OF PLASTICS IN AUSTRALIA

Which states are leading the way on phasing out single-use plastics?



What are Australian states doing to tackle our plastic problem?

KEY: ● TAKEN ACTION ● TAKEN SOME ACTION ● TAKEN NO ACTION

State action taken to ban:	NSW	VIC	ACT	QLD	WA	TAS	NT	SA
Lightweight plastic bags	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Coffee cups & lids	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Balloon release	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Plastic plates & bowls	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Plastic straws	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Plastic cutlery	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Polystyrene foodware	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Plastic bottles (CDS)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Heavy-weight plastic bags	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Produce bags	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Oxo-degradable plastics	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Plastic takeaway containers	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cotton buds	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

How we made our assessment:

This scorecard assesses states and territories progress in phasing out 13 of the most problematic and unnecessary single use plastic products. Jurisdictions that have laws (or laws are under development) to phase an item out receive the highest score for that item. This is followed by a commitment to phase out by a specified date; commitment to consider phasing items out in the future; or not considering. This scoring applies to all items except for helium balloons. A ban on releasing balloons – combined with clear communication that this is illegal – achieves the highest score; followed by a ban on releases over a certain number; future commitment to ban balloon releases; or not considering. Each item score is translated into a traffic light system (indicating 'no action', 'some action' or 'taken action'). The total scores provide the basis for ranking jurisdictions on their overall performance.