

Proposed five-year roadmap for action on single-use plastic items

This is a roadmap that identifies proposed bans on problematic plastic items, as well as options other than bans and additional support for community-led initiatives. The government will continue to consult with suppliers, manufacturers and businesses as we progress through this roadmap.

This will provide industry and businesses with an opportunity to provide feedback regarding supply chain challenges, sourcing suitable alternatives and timeframes, and preparing for future actions.

ACTION	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Review of single-use plastic items legislative provisions	1 September 2022			1 September 2025	
Cotton buds with plastic stems Expanded polystyrene loose packaging (such as the 'peanut' style fill foam) Plastic microbeads in rinseable personal care and cleaning products	Ban announced	Ban from 1 September 2023			
Single-use heavyweight plastic shopping bags (such as department store bags)	Start work on the development of reusability standards and testing including design and recycled content requirements	Mandate minimum reusability standards from 1 September 2023			
Ban mass release of lighter-than-air balloons	Ban announced Support industry and community actions to identify sustainable alternatives	Ban from 1 September 2023			
Takeaway coffee cups and lids	Announce the Innovation Challenge to identify sustainable alternatives Work with other jurisdictions on a harmonised national approach with intention to ban in coming years				
Plastic drinking cups	Review outcomes of Stadiums Queensland trials	Possible ban announced	Possible ban from 1 September 2024—non-recyclable and non-compostable		
All oxo-degradable plastics (such as magazine pouches/wraps)	Support actions to identify sustainable replacement products	Possible ban announced	Possible ban from 1 September 2024		
Expanded polystyrene trays (e.g. fruit and meat trays, serving trays)	Support actions to identify sustainable replacement products	Possible ban announced	Possible ban from 1 September 2024—non-recyclable or compostable		
Single-use produce bags (e.g. fruit and vegetable bags)	Investigate the suitability for FOGO services	Possible ban announced	Possible ban from 1 September 2024		
Balloon sticks/closures/clips Bread bag tags Corflute tree guards	Support actions to identify sustainable replacement products	Possible ban announced	Possible ban from 1 September 2024		
Bait bags Plastic dome lids (like those used for milkshakes and sundaes) Plastic wrapping on magazines		Support actions to identify sustainable replacement products	Possible ban announced	Possible ban from 1 September 2025	
Takeaway containers		Support actions to identify sustainable replacement products	Possible ban announced	Possible ban from 1 September 2025—non-recyclable	
Sauce sachets (tomato, tartare etc.)			Support actions to identify sustainable replacement products	Possible ban announced	Possible ban from 1 September 2026