








		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST	NZ	HUHTAMAKI TP ALTERNATIVES
GENERAL	Items in pre-packaged food/bev products	Exempt	Exempt		Exempt	Sep-25		Exempt till Jan 2026	Varied			
	Position on compostable plastics	Banned	Banned		Recognise AU cert	Varied		Banned	Varied			
Utensils	Plastic Straw	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart Only	Feb-23	Jul-22		Jul-23	Paper straws, Wooden cutlery, Wooden stirrers 
	Plastic Cutlery	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart Only	Feb-23	Jul-22		Jul-23	
	Plastics Stirrers	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart Only	Feb-23	Jul-22		Oct-22	
Foodware (without Lids)	Plastic plates	Jul-23	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Sep-23		Feb-23	Jul-22		Jul-23	Paper & Bamboo/Kraft board / Sugarcane plates, bowls, trays 
	Plastic bowls without lids	Jul-23	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Sep-23	Hobart Only		Jul-22		Jul-23	
	Plastic containers without lids				TBC	Sep-24	Hobart Only		Jul-22			
	Polymer coated paper plates/bowls		Exempt Nov-24	2025	Exempt	Exempt till Nov 2024		Exempt till Nov-24	Jul-22			
Foodware (with Lids)	Plastic bowls with lids				TBC	Sep-24	Hobart Only		Feb-24			Sugarcane/Bamboo/Kraft board containers with lids 
	Plastic takeaway containers with lids	Jul-23			TBC	Sep-24	Hobart Only		Feb-24			
	Plastic lined paper cartons (eg. noodle box)					TBC	Hobart Only		Feb-24			
	Plastic windows in paper food containers					TBC			Feb-24			
DRINKWARE	Plastic beverage containers (eg. bottles)	2018	2017	2012	2018	1977	2023	2023	2020		2025	Paper & Bamboo cups 
	Plastic cups for cold drinks				TBC	Sep-24	Hobart Only		Oct-22			
	Plastic cups for hot drinks				TBC	Sep-24	Hobart Only		Feb-24			
	Plastic cup lids				TBC	Sep-24	Hobart Only		Feb-24			
EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (EPS)	EPS foodware (eg. clamshells)	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-22	Hobart Only	Feb-23	Jul-22	2022	Oct-22	Paper & Bamboo/Kraft board / Sugarcane plates, bowls, trays Sugarcane/Bamboo/Kraft board containers with lids Paper & Bamboo cups 
	EPS cups	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-22	Hobart Only	Feb-23	Aug-23	2022		
	EPS trays (eg. meat, fresh produce)	Jul-23		2025	TBC	Sep-24	Hobart Only		Jul-22 / Aug-23	2022		
	EPS multi-serve gelato container	Currently Exempt	Currently Exempt	2025	Sep-21	Sep-24		Currently Exempt	Jul-22	2022		
	EPS packaging (loose fill)	Jul-23							Aug-23	2025		
	EPS packaging (moulded*)	Jul-23							Aug-24	2025		
Other Formed Plastics	Expanded Plastics Packaging (loose fill)								Aug-23			
	Expanded Plastics Packaging (moulded)								Aug-24			
BAGS	Lightweight plastic shopping bags (<36 microns)	BANNED	BANNED	BANNED	BANNED	BANNED	BANNED	BANNED	BANNED	BANNED	BANNED	Paper bags Compostable produce bags 
	Heavyweight plastic shopping bags (>36 microns)	Jul-23			Reusable Std by Sep-23	Sep-24			Jul-22			
	Paper bags with plastic laminate				Reusable Std by Sep-23	TBC			Jul-22			
	Fabric bags				Reusable Std by Sep-23				Jul-22			
	Produce/ barrier bags (Fruit & Veg)	TBC			TBC	Sep-24			Feb-24		Jul-23	
	Produce/ barrier bags (Meat & Other)	TBC			TBC	TBC			TBC			
OTHER PACKAGING	Plastics with 'degradable' additives	Jul-22			TBC	Mar-22			Aug-23	TBC	Oct-22	Paper & Bamboo/Kraft board / Sugarcane takeaway container 
	Product packaging									2025		
	B2B packaging									2025		
	Plastic soy sauce fish					Sep-25						
	Sauce sachets				TBC		Hobart Only					
	Produce labels					Sep-25					Jul-23	
	Bread tags				TBC	Sep-24						
	Polystyrene takeaway food/bev packaging										Oct-22	
	PVC pre-formed food trays and containers										Oct-22	
OTHER PLASTIC ITEMS	Cotton buds with plastic shafts	Jul-22	Nov-22		Sep-23	Sep-23		Feb-23	Aug-23		Oct-22	
	Microbeads	Jul-23	Nov-22	2025	TBC				Aug-23	Voluntary Code		
	Balloon releases				Sep-23				Jul-22			
	Balloon ties or sticks				TBC	TBC						
	Balloons			2025								
	Pizza savers					Sep-23						
	Confetti					Sep-24						
	Bait bags				TBC							

