STATUS OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC BANS AUSTRALIA - AUGUST 2025

IMPORTANT: The rules, exemptions and definitions for each state ban vary greatly. Please check each government website for details.

last updated: 1 August 2025	Status	Bans in effect, no further bans announced	Consultation closed, awaiting govt update.	Under Consultation	Return bans on hold	Bans reduced underway. New requirements for dining ware and cutlery in place.	Consultation closed, awaiting govt update.	No further bans announced	Ban reduced underway. New products bans take effect
		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
GENERAL	Position on certified compostable plastic	Certified compostable plastics are banned.	Banned except for produce sticker until 2027.	Status 'To Be Confirmed (TBC)' under Consultation or amendment bills.	Varied policies; some acceptance, some bans depending on item.	Varied policies; some acceptance, some bans depending on item.	TBC; consultation closed awaiting ministerial update.	Banned	Varied, so only accepted
Cutlery	Plastic or plastic lined cutlery	Banned	Banned	Ban TBC 25'	Banned	Banned	Hobart Ban, Tas TBC 25'	Banned	Banned
	Bioplastic (PLA) or aqueous lined cutlery	Banned	Banned	Ban TBC 25'	Banned	Banned	Hobart Ban, Tas TBC 25'	Banned	Banned
	Wooden Cutlery (unlined)	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
	Sugarcane Pulp Cutlery (unlined)	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Straws	Plastic or plastic lined straws	Banned	Banned	Ban TBC 25'	Banned	Banned	Hobart Ban, Tas TBC 25'	Banned	Banned
	Plastic stirrers	Banned	Banned	Ban TBC 25'	Banned	Banned	Hobart Ban, Tas TBC 25'	Banned	Banned
	Bioplastic /aqueous lined straws	Banned	Banned	Ban TBC 25'	Allowed	Banned	Hobart Ban, Tas TBC 25'	Banned	Banned
	Paper, bamboo, sugarcane pulp straws	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Cups	Expanded Polystyrene	Banned	Banned	Allowed	Banned	Banned	Allowed	Banned	Banned
	Plastic	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Banned	Banned	Allowed	Banned
	Bioplastic (PLA)	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Banned
	Paper lined with Plastic	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Banned	Banned	Allowed	Banned
	Paper lined with bioplastic (PLA) or aqueous	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Cup Lids	Plastic cup lids & seals	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Banned	Banned	Allowed	Banned for hot & cold drinks or food. Allowed for liquid above 60°C till Aug 25, registration required" Clear lids allowed for cups serving pre-packed & displayed food
	Bioplastic (PLA) lids	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Banned for hot & cold drinks or food. Allowed for liquid above 60°C till Aug 25, registration required" Clear lids allowed for cups serving pre-packed & displayed food
	Paper lined with plastic lids	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Banned	Banned	Allowed	Banned
	Paper lined with bioplastic (PLA) or Aqueous	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Banned for cups serving food only. Banned for hot and cold drinks.
	Sugarcane pulp un-lined	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Bowls	Plastic	Allowed, if the bowl is designed to fit bowl. Banned, if bowl is designed not to fit a lid	Allowed, if the bowl is designed to fit bowl. Banned, if bowl is designed not to fit a lid	Ban TBC 25'	Banned, if used without lid	Allowed for liquid food above 60°C till Sept 29	Banned, if used without lid	Allowed	Banned but Allowed for hot + liquid food above 60°C Till 30 Aug 2025. Registration required"
	Bioplastic (PLA)	Allowed, if the bowl is designed to fit bowl. Banned, if bowl is designed not to fit a lid	Allowed, if the bowl is designed to fit bowl. Banned, if bowl is designed not to fit a lid	Allowed	Banned	Banned	Hobart Ban, Tas TBC 25'	Banned	Banned but Allowed for hot + liquid food above 60°C Till 30 Aug 2025. Registration required"
	Paper lined with plastic	Allowed, if the bowl is designed to fit bowl. Banned, if bowl is designed not to fit a lid	Allowed, if the bowl is designed to fit bowl. Banned, if bowl is designed not to fit a lid	Ban TBC 25'	Banned	Banned	Hobart Ban, Tas TBC 25'	Banned	Banned
	Paper lined with bioplastic (PLA/Aqueous) bowls	Allowed, if the bowl is designed to fit bowl. Banned, if bowl is designed not to fit a lid	Allowed, if the bowl is designed to fit bowl. Banned, if bowl is designed not to fit a lid	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
	Sugarcane Pulp un-lined	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Containers	Expanded Polystyrene (EPS)	Banned	Banned	Ban TBC 25'	Banned	Banned	Banned	Banned	Banned
	Plastic	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Banned but Allowed for PP/PET Clear Rectangle or Square Containers with Matching Lids: - For any temperature food use until Sept 29 - For liquid food above 60°C use until Sept 29 - For very hot food or fridge/hot display use without alternatives until Aug 29	Allowed	Allowed	Banned but Allowed if liquid food above 60°C Till Aug 30, Registration required"
	Bioplastic (Pla) bowls	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Banned but Allowed if liquid food above 60°C Till Aug 25, Registration required"
	Paper lined with plastic	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Banned	Banned	Allowed	Banned
	Paper lined with bioplastic (PLA/Aqueous) bowls	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
	Sugarcane Pulp un-lined	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Bowl & Container Lids	Plastic including plastic window	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Banned but Allowed for PP/PET Clear Rectangle or Square Containers with Matching Lids: - For any temperature food use until Sept 29 - For liquid food above 60°C use until Sept 29 - For very hot food or fridge/hot display use without alternatives until Aug 29	Banned	Allowed	Banned but Allowed if liquid food above 60°C Till Aug 25, Registration required" Clear lids are allowed for pre packaged & displayed food only
	Bioplastic (PLA) (including PLA Window)	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Banned but Allowed if liquid food above 60°C Till Aug 25, Registration required" Clear lids are allowed for pre packaged & displayed food only
	Paper lined with plastic	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Banned	Allowed	Allowed	Banned
	Paper lined with bioplastic (PLA) or aqueous	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
	Sugarcane pulp un-lined	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Plates	Plastic	Banned	Banned	Allowed	Banned	Banned Plastic	Allowed	Banned	Banned
	Sugarcane Pulp	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Shopping Bags	Plastic or plastic lined shopping bags	Banned <35µm	Banned <35µm	Banned <35µm	Banned all weights	Banned all weights	Banned <35µm	Banned <35µm	Banned all weights
	Bioplastic (PLA) or bioplastic lined shopping bags	Allowed	Banned <35µm	Allowed	Banned certified compostable to AS 5810, >35µm, and reusable	Allowed	Allowed	Banned <35µm	Banned all weights
	Paper un-lined shopping bags	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
	Fabric bags	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed

At **Bingo Australia**, we proudly **support** the national and state-based efforts across Australia to **reduce the environmental impact of single-use plastics.** As part of our commitment to sustainability, we **actively provide and promote approved alternative products** that **comply with current plastic ban regulations** and help our customers transition toward more **sustainable packaging solutions.**

The **information provided in this guide**, including summaries of legislation and compliance timelines across Australian states and territories, is **for general informational purposes only.**
It is **not legal advice** and should not be relied upon as a substitute for reviewing the relevant laws or consulting the appropriate regulatory authorities.

While we make every effort to keep our information accurate and up to date, **regulations may change**, and details regarding exemptions, enforcement dates, or definitions may vary by jurisdiction.

We **strongly encourage** all customers and stakeholders to **consult their local government departments or environmental agencies** for the most accurate and official guidance.

For further assistance with approved packaging alternatives or tailored compliance solutions, please contact our team — we're here to help make your transition smooth and sustainable.

Banned = Prohibited for sale/use.

Allowed = Permitted without restrictions.

Ban TBC 2025 = Ban to be confirmed or coming in 2025.

Conditional* = Allowed only under specific conditions (e.g., liquid food above 60°C, registration required).

Dates like **Sept 29** or **Aug 25** refer to temporary exemptions or grace periods for certain products.

Hobart ban, Tas TBC 25' indicates local bans in Hobart and upcoming bans for Tasmania pending 2025 confirmation.

Summary Report:

ACT & VIC: Strong bans on most plastic items including cutlery, straws, plates, expanded polystyrene, and some cups and lids. Certified compostable plastics banned.

NSW: Generally banned plastics except produce stickers; compostable plastics allowed except in some cases.

NT & QLD: Many bans are under consultation or TBC with some allowances on bioplastics and certain plastics. Policies vary across product types.

SA & TAS: Mixed approaches with some bans and some acceptance; Tasmania has Hobart-specific bans, and SA holds some future bans on hold.

WA: Mostly varied but with acceptance of certified compostable plastics. Several bans but conditional approvals for liquid food containers above 60°C.