

# South Australia is taking the next steps to **REPLACE** the **WASTE**



## Banned March 2021

**Single-use plastic straws, cutlery and stirrers** were prohibited from sale, supply or distribution in South Australia including bioplastic alternatives. These single-use items can be replaced with reusable and plastic-free compostable alternatives. Health and disability exemptions apply for single-use plastic straws.



## Banned March 2022

**Expanded polystyrene cups, bowls, plates and clamshell containers** were also prohibited from sale, supply or distribution in South Australia. **Oxo-degradable plastic products** were prohibited from production, manufacture, supply and sale in the state.



## Banned from September 2023

**Plastic stemmed cotton buds** will be phased out with exemptions, where plastic stemmed cotton buds are required for medical, veterinary, and other scientific purposes. **Single-use plastic bowls and plates** will be phased out. **Plastic pizza savers** will be phased out.



## Banned from September 2024

**Plastic produce bags** will be phased out, enabling the market to switch to compostable alternatives. **Thick supermarket or boutique-style plastic bags** will be phased out. **Other expanded polystyrene (EPS) consumer food and beverage containers** in the market (e.g. gelato tubs) will also be banned. **EPS trays used for meat, fruit and other food items** for retail sale will be phased out. **Plastic confetti and plastic bread tags** will be phased out.



## Banned from September 2025

Plastic fruit stickers, plastic soy sauce fish, and pre-packaged and attached products (i.e. products that contain plastic straws or cutlery) are to be phased out. For these products, industry needs time to design new, more sustainable product formats and implement alternative solutions.

## Replace the Waste for Plastic Free July

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