

Phasing out problem plastics in Aotearoa

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Plastics waste is one of our generation's greatest environmental challenges – regularly ending up in landfills or the ocean.

To support our country's move towards a low-emissions, low-waste economy, we're phasing out these plastics:

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PVC food trays and containers*



Polystyrene takeaway food and drink packaging



Expanded polystyrene food and drink packaging



Plastic with pro-degradant additives, eg, oxo and photo-degradable plastics



Plastic drink stirrers



Plastic stemmed cotton buds

* The scope is limited to pre-formed trays used for produce, baked goods, and meat

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Single-use:

Plastic produce bags



Plastic plates, bowls and cutlery



Plastic straws*



Plastic produce labels**

* Plastic straws will be available for disabled people and medical use

** See the Ministry's website for further information on scope

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All other PVC and polystyrene food and drink packaging



For more information, visit <https://environment.govt.nz/waste/plastic-phase-out/>

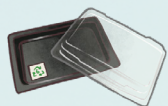
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