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Boomerang Alliance Calls for National Ban on Polluting Takeaway Plastics in 2021

The Boomerang Alliance of 51 organisations has challenged all State jurisdictions to introduce bans on certain single use plastic takeaway items before the end of 2021, to help combat plastic pollution.

‘To date we have three jurisdictions, South Australia, the ACT and Queensland, intending to introduce bans in 2021. We need all other jurisdictions to follow suit,’ said Jeff Angel, Director of the Alliance.

‘We know that NSW, Victoria, Western Australia are close to finalising policies, with Tasmania and the Northern Territory also considering their options. With thousands of Australians taking the Plastic Free July Challenge - it's time for all state jurisdictions to join them.’

Single use plastic takeaway items such as straws, stirrers, cutlery, coffee cups, containers and heavyweight bags are amongst the most littered and wasteful items in Australia. According to the latest Clean Up Australia National Rubbish Report, 36% of all litter is plastic waste with plastic foodware amongst the most littered.

All of these products have better and preferred alternatives that can be used today. All these alternatives, whether reusable or compostable, are COVID-safe. This is confirmed by food safety authorities.

An International IPSOS Poll (2019) showed that over two thirds (69%) of Australians agree that single use plastics should be banned as soon as possible.

‘Whilst government bans are essential to eliminate this plastic waste and litter, individuals can make a difference today. Boomerang Alliance is encouraging everyone to take the Plastic Free July Challenge, adding their voice to the call for comprehensive action,’ Mr Angel said.

Taking the Plastic Free Challenge is easy, just register at <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org>

You can support the Boomerang Alliance Zero Plastic Pollution campaign at:
https://www.boomerangalliance.org.au/zero_plastic_pollution