

Choose to reuse

Tackling plastic pollution together

Plastic pollution harms our health, wildlife and the environment.



Eight million tonnes of plastic enters the world's oceans each year—equivalent to dumping the contents of **one garbage truck into the ocean every minute**. At current rates, this is expected to increase to two per minute by 2030, and four per minute by 2050.

Source: Ellen MacArthur Foundation

Single-use plastics...



Make up a third of our litter.

They're costly to clean up and difficult to recycle.



Are used briefly.

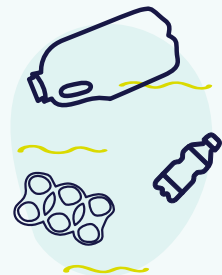
They are detrimental and remain in the environment.



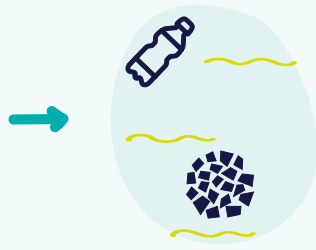
Harm the environment.

They become microplastics, which harm wildlife and contaminate food.

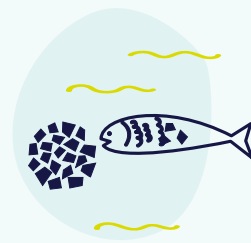
How does plastic litter become microplastics?



Plastic litter enters the ocean



Over time, plastic items become tiny pieces called 'microplastics'



Microplastics are eaten by marine life, who mistake them for food



Microplastics then enter our food chain

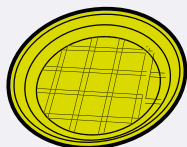
We're banning these single-use plastics by February 2023



Straws



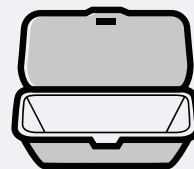
Cutlery



Plates



Drink stirrers



Expanded polystyrene food and drink containers



Cotton bud sticks

The ban will not affect medical or scientific equipment, emergency management services, or people who require specific single-use plastic products due to disability or for health and safety.

Find out more at vic.gov.au/plastics



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