

# HOSPITALITY & TOURISM SINGLE USE PLASTICS



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### WHAT ARE SINGLE USE PLASTICS?



Single use plastics, or disposable plastics, are only used once before they are thrown away or recycled. These include items such as:

- > Plastic Bags
- > Straws
- > Coffee Stirrers
- > Plastic Bottles
- > (Most) Food Packaging

### HOW ARE THEY MADE?

Most single use plastics are made from polypropylene, polyethylene and polystyrene (plates & cups). All oil-based plastics.

*The vast majority are manufactured overseas in Asia & Europe, meaning products have a large transport footprint.*

**50%** OF THE EARTH'S PLASTIC PRODUCTION GOES TO SINGLE USE PLASTICS

### HOW TO AVOID SINGLE USE PLASTICS?

> **Say no to straws!** Go without a straw in your drink.

> Buy a **re-usable cup**, or dine-in and take 5-minutes to relax.

> When going to a BBQ, opt for **finger food**, or purchase **wooden cutlery**, or even, **metal cutlery** from home!

> Use a re-usable bag when shopping, or a cardboard box if you get stuck.

> Keep a **re-usable bottle** when you're out and about.

### HOW TO RECYCLE THEM



Recycling options are many and abundant!

> Recycle your single use plastics at recycle Coles & Woolworths Stores

<http://www.redcycle.net.au/where-to-redcycle/>

> Use **separate bins** to help sort your rubbish,

> Bottles can be recycled through your local yellow bin.

> The Qld Container Scheme is coming into affect in late July 2018 [Learn more here.](#)

### HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

**12-30 MINUTES** - Straws, coffee cups, shopping bags, and plastic cutlery

**300-500 YEARS** - Single use plastics take to break down (polymers)

