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**Plastic Reduction and Circular Economy Bill 2021**

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Proposed amendments

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- No. 1 **Consequential amendment to commencement provision**  
Page 2, proposed section 2, line 10. Omit “3–5”. Insert instead “3, 4 and 5”.
- No. 2 **Prohibition on exemptions from product stewardship requirements for APCO members**  
Page 25, proposed section 61. Insert after line 18—  
(8A) The regulator must not exempt a member of the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation from a requirement in Part 3.
- No. 3 **Prohibition on exemptions from product stewardship requirements for APCO members**  
Page 28, proposed section 68. Insert after line 5—  
(3A) The regulations must not exempt a member of the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation from a requirement in Part 3.
- No. 4 **Further prohibited plastic single-use items**  
Page 30, Schedule 1, proposed section 3. Insert after line 3—  
(e) balloons containing plastic,  
(f) plastic ring carriers for beverages,  
(g) plastic confection sticks,  
(h) reusable plastic bags,  
(i) plastic takeaway sauce containers,  
(j) plastic fruit and vegetable packaging,  
(k) plastic newspaper and magazine packaging,  
(l) plastic single-use table cloths,  
(m) plastic bowls and plates,  
(n) plastic cups,  
(o) oxo-degradable plastic items.
- No. 5 **Further prohibited plastic items**  
Page 30, Schedule 1. Insert after line 22—

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**4A Other prohibited plastic items**

- (1) This section commences 18 months after the date of assent to this Act.
- (2) The following plastic items are prohibited plastic items—
  - (a) expanded polystyrene packaging,
  - (b) non-compostable cigarettes,
  - (c) expanded polystyrene construction blocks, known as waffle pods,
  - (d) plastic takeaway food containers.

**4B Further prohibited plastic items**

- (1) This section commences 3 years after the date of assent to this Act.
- (2) The following plastic items are prohibited plastic items—
  - (a) non-recyclable and non-compostable beverage containers,
  - (b) petroleum-based single-use plastic items.

No. 6 **Design standard for washing machines**

Page 30, Schedule 1. Insert after line 36—

**5A Design standard for washing machines**

- (1) This section commences on 1 January 2025.
- (2) A washing machine must be capable of trapping microplastics and microfibres loosened during the laundering of synthetic fabrics.