

CHOOSING TO REUSE IN AUSTRALIA



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Returnable packaging can reduce GHG emissions by 35-70% and material use and waste by 45-75% compared to single-use packaging.
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THE BOOMERANG ALLIANCE IS CALLING FOR

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A LEGALLY BINDING TARGET TO HAVE 30% OF PACKAGING REUSABLE BY 2030

All governments and the packaging sector have committed to 70% of used packaging being composted or recycled. A 30% reuse target completes the picture.

HOW? By scaling refill bottles, bulk dispensers, deposit returns and packaging takeback options (UN Report 2023).

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CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENTS GO REUSABLE

HOW? Sports stadiums, events, festivals, airline and train services, and public institutions provide reusable cups and containers to the public. Government and business workplaces provide reusable cups and containers for employees to use.

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MANDATORY EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

Producers take full responsibility for the entire life cycle of the packaging they put on the market, including soft plastics.

HOW? Producers design products to a standard and pay the full cost for accurate labelling/consumer education, transport, collection, and recovery of materials back to secondary markets, without creating waste.

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ALL RETAIL SHOPPING BAGS MEET REUSABLE STANDARDS BY 2025

HOW? A standard designed to achieve a minimum of 125 shopping cycles, with a minimum thickness of 100 microns (for plastic), stitched handles and at least 80% recycled content.

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A NATIONAL BAN ON SINGLE USE CUPS & PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINERS BY 2027

HOW? From 2025, all food & beverage takeaway outlets also offer/sell reusable cups and food containers. Disposable foodware must not be offered for in-house consumption.

A 50 cents levy is introduced on any disposable cups and containers used for takeaway until the ban is in place.

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SUPERMARKETS SCALE REFILL & REUSE

HOW? Offer a returnable container service for delis and other commodities, and returnable crates for delivery services. Give additional customer options for in-store BYO containers and refill.

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REUSABLE BOTTLES INCLUDED IN CONTAINER REFUND SCHEMES

In Germany over 50% of bottles are reusable and used multiple times under a container refund scheme.

HOW? Make reusable bottles eligible for a refund under CRS.



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