



**Zero Waste**  
Magnetic Island

## Newsletter

July 2021 By Julie Woodlock

### Are we ready for the challenge?

YES, YES, YES!

Just say NO, NO, NO, to plastic!

Although it's great to be vigilant recyclers, the Zero Waste group is unanimous that the best option is always to REFUSE the plastic in the first place.



### QUEENSLAND'S SINGLE-USE PLASTICS BAN STARTS SEPT 1, 2021

Community groups that use single-use plastic items as part of community or fundraising activities **may be affected by the ban**. This forum series will provide information for these groups to **become ban compliant**.

 

### Single-Use Plastic Ban in Queensland: **Information Session Monday 19th July**

The Queensland government is about to ban some single use plastics in Queensland. **From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021** certain single-use plastic items will be banned including plastic straws, stirrers, cutlery, plates, bowls and expanded polystyrene cups and containers.

The planned Information Session **in Townsville on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 5.30-6.30pm** will be particularly good for restaurateurs, community, and event organisers, so come along to learn more, and feel free to invite your friends and contacts to come as well.

**For venue information and to register**, please follow [THIS LINK](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/qld-plastic-ban-tour-2021-tickets-156022305917) to the Eventbrite page. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/qld-plastic-ban-tour-2021-tickets-156022305917>



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To help you prepare, the Qld Government has contracted the Boomerang Alliance to conduct a series of early evening forums across the state to answer your questions on:

- What items are included in the ban?
- What alternative products can be used?
- How can my organisation adapt to comply with the ban?

**If you have any questions**, please email Tanja at [tanja.schueler@boomerangalliance.org.au](mailto:tanja.schueler@boomerangalliance.org.au)  
We hope to see you there!

In the meantime, wash those plastic packaging, dry them and return them to Woolies and Coles for recycling!

## Must go-to websites for this month

I don't know about you, but I never know what to do with beauty, household, and medicine packs (blister packs). The answer is, go to [Banish](#). Please read very carefully and start today. I am!

- For disposing of all beauty, and household disposable check this out:  
<https://banish.com.au/pages/recycling-program>
- Find out more from Zero Waste Magnetic Island: <https://www.zerowastemi.org.au/>
- Find out more from Plastic Free Townsville: <https://www.plasticfreetownsville.org/>

## You're invited to join our Zero Waste meetings

We'd love to hear from you. Your comments matter!

If you would like to come to one of our friendly and informal meetings to learn more about Zero Waste on Magnetic Island, please express your interest by completing this simple form on our website to register with us:

<https://www.zerowastemi.org.au/contact>

We'll then be in touch with the details of when and where our next meeting is scheduled.