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What is Plastic Free CQ?

Boomerang Alliance is a not-for-profit organisation formed in 2003 with the aim of a **zero waste society.**

Plastic Free CQ is part of the national **Plastic Free Places** program.

We work with communities to help reduce single-use plastic packaging and create lasting changes towards a circular economy.

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What do we do?

- Engage directly with cafes & food retailers to enable them to **eliminate targeted plastics**
- Provide guidance and support to switch to **reusable foodware** or **certified compostable** takeaway packaging
- Provide advice on **sustainable packaging options** and **local suppliers**
- Tips to minimise **cost and waste**

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Plastic Free Places success

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577
Business members

28
Event & market members

154
Plastic Free Champions

7,066,669
Pieces of plastic eliminated

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Key Plastics To Eliminate

- Straws
- Coffee cups/lids
- Foodware (cups, plates, cutlery etc.)
- Takeaway containers
- Bags
- Water Bottles

Businesses who eliminate all 6 key items are certified as “Plastic Free Champions”

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QLD Single-Use Plastic Ban

The Qld Government has proposed a ban on certain single-use and other problematic plastic items.

The bill is currently in Parliament and is likely to approved this month, and come into effect September 1, 2021

Banned items include:

- Plastic **straws**, **cutlery, plates, bowls**, and **stirrers**
- Expanded polystyrene (foam) cups and clamshell containers
- Oxo-degradable plastics

Exemptions include:

- Compostable bioplastics certified to the Australian standards (AS 4736/AS 5810).
- Plastic straws will be allowed for people with a disability

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How I can my business participate?

- Join us at www.plasticfreecq.org/join
- Follow us on **Instagram**
- Check out the business resources on our **website** (guides, signage and suppliers lists/catalogues).

Any Questions?

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