**Newsletter content – consumers, businesses, education providers and community organisations**

**Get ready to ‘Stop it and Swap it’ on single-use plastics from 1 November**November 1 is here so it’s time to get out your alternatives to single-use plastic items, including:

* straws, stirrers, cutlery, plates, bowls and cotton buds
* expanded polystyrene food ware and cups
* rinse-off personal care products containing plastic microbeads.

This follows a ban on lightweight plastic bags in June this year.

These bans are a big win for our environment and it’s everyone’s responsibility to ‘Stop it and Swap it’.

Single-use plastic items and packaging make up 60% of all litter in NSW. By ending the use of many single-use items we’ll stop an estimated 2.7 billion plastic items from polluting our lands and waterways over the next 20 years.

For ideas, resources and tips on how to prepare for the ban visit our [website](https://dpe.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/plastics-ban-nsw/resources/)

**Find out more**

We encourage you to review the [website resources](https://dpe.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/plastics-ban-nsw), [download signage](https://dpe.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/plastics-ban-nsw/resources/) and [attend an information session](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nsw-plastics-ban-info-sessions-for-impacted-organisations-tickets-259345217527) with the National Retail Association (NRA). Information sessions are **every Friday at 10AM** until the end of November 2022**.**   
   
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