

Environment Protection Authority South Australia

# SA environment compliance changes and reform priorities for 2023

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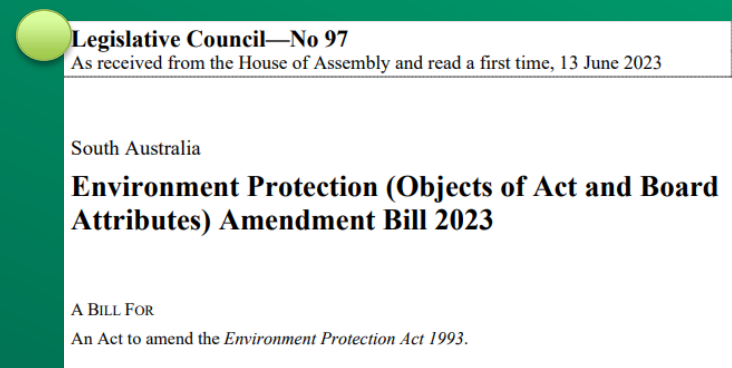
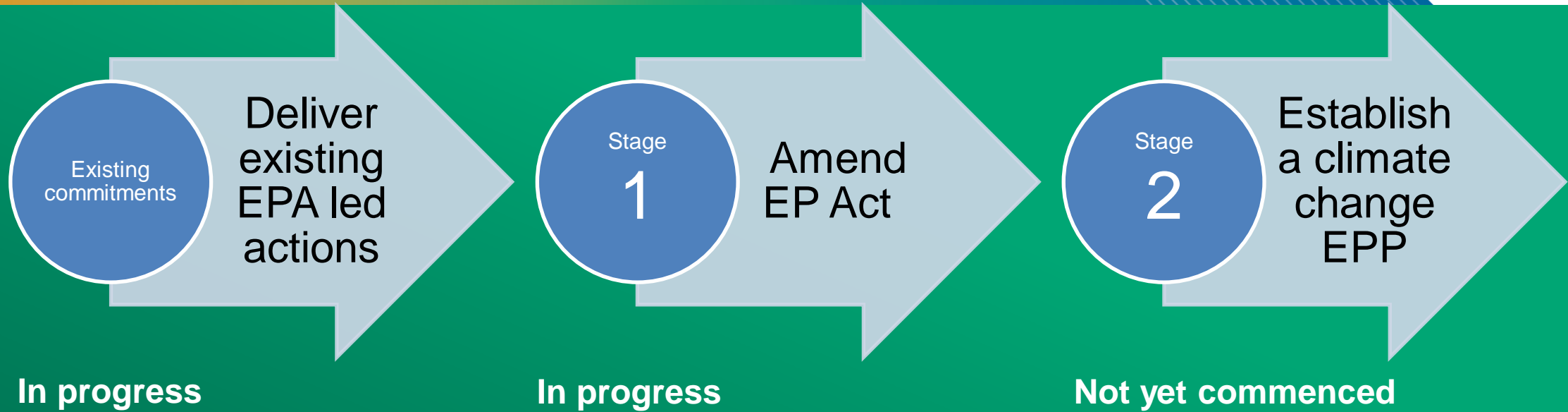


# Overview



- EPA's approach to climate change
- Single-use plastics
- Commercial and Industrial Noise Policy
- Container Deposit Scheme
- Waste to Resources Policy review

# Climate Change: EPA's staged approach



# Single-use plastics

## Currently banned

### Banned March 2021

- Single-use plastic straws, cutlery and stirrers
- Health and disability exemptions apply for single-use plastic straws

### Banned March 2022

- Expanded polystyrene cups, bowls, plates and clamshell containers
- Oxo-degradable plastic products prohibited from production, manufacture, supply and sale in the state





# Single-use plastics

## September 2023

- Plastic-stemmed cotton buds
- Single-use plastic bowls and plates
- Plastic pizza savers



## Bans under development

### September 2024 Proposed Bans

- Plastic produce bags
- Thick supermarket or boutique-style plastic bags
- Single-use plastic beverage containers (including coffee cups)
- Other expanded polystyrene (EPS) consumer food and beverage containers
- Plastic confetti
- Plastic bread tags



# Single-use plastics

## Future 2025 bans

### September 2025

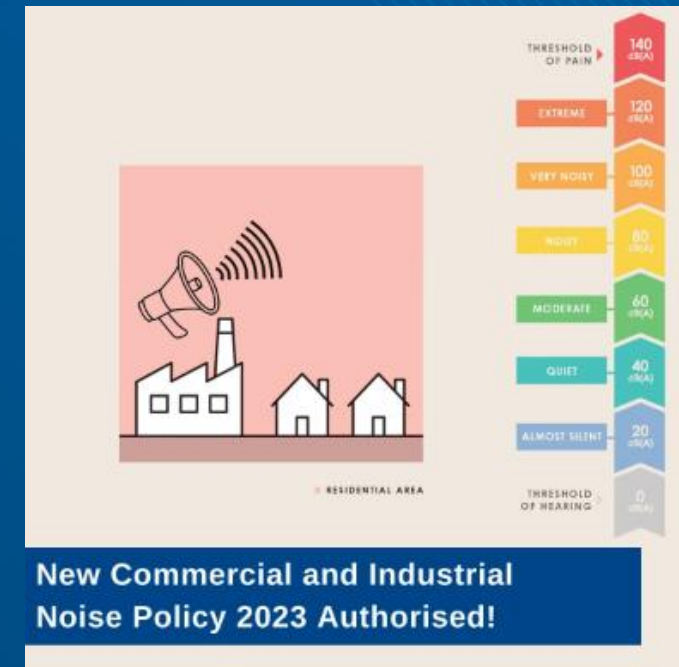
- Plastic fruit stickers
- plastic soy sauce fish
- pre-packaged and attached products (i.e. products that contain plastic straws or cutlery)

Visit the [Replace the Waste website](#) and sign up for updates on South Australia's single use plastic ban.



# *New Environment Protection (Commercial and Industrial Noise) policy 2023*

- Comes into operation on 31 October 2023
- Replaces the *Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007*
- New Indicative Noise Factor Guidelines
- New guidelines for how to use the policy
- Introduces a penalty for intermittent noise
- Removes domestic noise duplication provisions with other SA legislation











# Container Deposit Scheme Reform






## Next Steps

- Draft Bill consultation to implement reforms.
- Governance reforms being proposed have the potential to add around \$55 million per annum of extra value into the SA economy.

### What's in the CDS

		
<b>soft drinks, fruit drinks and water</b> (less than or equal to 3 litres)	<b>wine</b> (aluminium or plastic (less than 250 millilitres)) <b>cider &amp; non-grape wines</b> (less than or equal to 3 litres)	<b>spirit</b> (non-glass containers less than or equal to 3 litres)
		
<b>flavoured milk</b> (less than 1 litre)	<b>beer</b> (less than 3 litres)	<b>pure fruit/vegetable juice</b> (at least 90% juice and less than 1 litre)

### What's out of the CDS

		
<b>cordial syrup containers</b>	<b>wine and spirit</b> (in glass container)	<b>plain, unflavoured milk</b>
		
<b>flavoured milk</b> (1 litre or more)	<b>fruit/vegetable juice</b> (concentrated)	<b>pure fruit/vegetable juice</b> (at least 90% juice and 1 litre or more)



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# Waste to Resources Policy Review

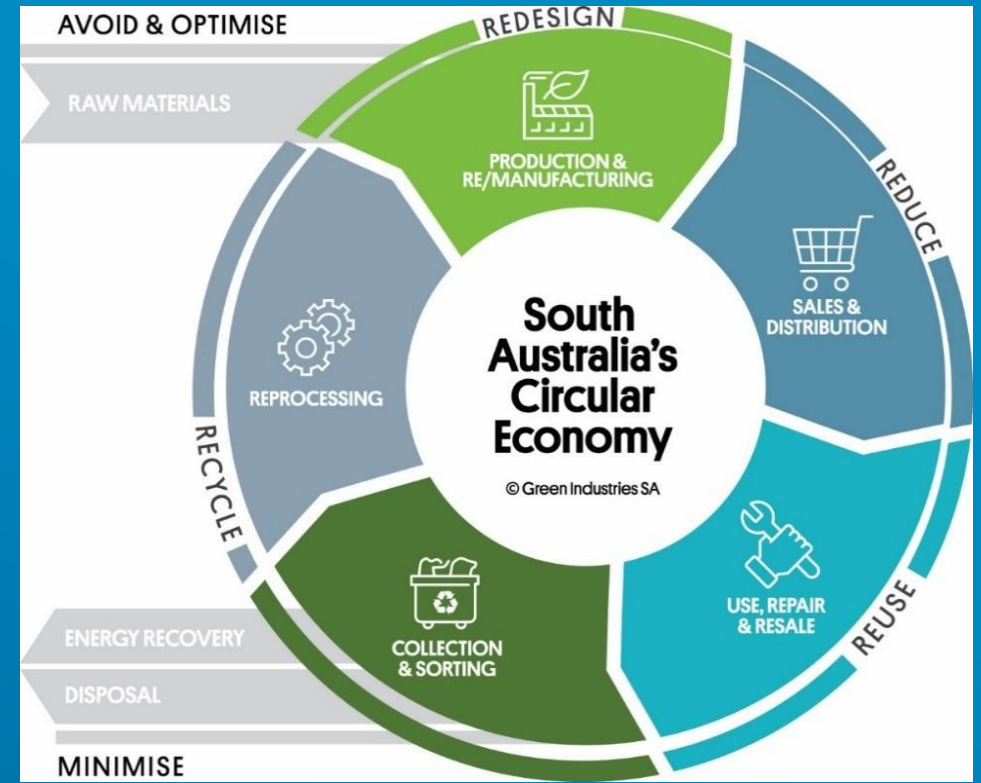
The *Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010* promotes resource recovery in South Australia through specific regulatory requirements for waste management.

Objective of the review:

- To support a **circular economy** in SA, through a contemporary and effective regulatory framework.

Key reform areas:

1. Supporting the transition to a circular economy
2. Driving waste avoidance
3. Enhancing resource recovery and circularity of materials
4. Supporting a strong market for recovered resources
5. Protecting the environment and human health from waste pollution
6. Circular Economy metrics, reporting and transparency



# Waste to Resources Policy Review

Discussion paper released for consultation (early 2024)



Response to consultation submissions (2024)



Draft EPP released for consultation (2025)



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Make the Environment Protection Policy