

TAKE ACTION FOR RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

ACT residents have high consuming lifestyles. Single-use plastics continue to be utilised in the ACT, posing major threats to wildlife, waterways and our health. Food and organic waste sent to landfill contributes 4% to the ACT's greenhouse gas emissions and squanders

a valuable resource. We need to adopt practices that promote greater responsible waste management and support a circular economy.

Does your candidate support responsible waste management?

- Mandatory separation standards for commercial waste
- No single use plastics by 2023
- Canberra-wide food and organic waste collection

Mandatory waste separation standards for commercial and building waste.

Commercial waste and construction/ demolition waste together comprise more than 50% of waste to landfill.

Question: Will you commit to introduce mandatory waste separation and recycling for commercial and building waste?

TAKE ACTION

Ask your local candidate the questions below:

- At community election forums
- At shopping centre stalls
- On their social media
- During radio talkback
- By email

Phase-out by single use plastics by 2023.

The ACT Government has a draft bill to phase out single use plastics, including plastic cutlery, stirrers and polystyrene food containers. But we need to do more, including phase-out supermarket barrier bags, takeaway food containers, coffee cups, cling wrap used for packaging, balloons and plastic table cloths.

Question: Will you commit to extend the single-use plastic ban to include all common single-use plastics including coffee cups, barrier bags, heavy weight plastic shopping bags, takeaway food containers and balloons by 2023?

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Food and organic waste collection across Canberra, with compost made available for private and public use.

The government's Living Infrastructure target of 30% tree canopy depends on the health of the city's soils. Food waste is largely under-utilised. The most beneficial use of food waste is as compost to regenerate soil and nurture new plant life.

Question: Will you commit to Canberra-wide food and organic waste collection?

Question: How will you ensure the waste collected will be made available for private and public use?