

# Plastic Reduction (Single-use Plastic Products—Special Circumstances) Exemption 2022 (No 1)

## Disallowable instrument DI2022-68

made under the

Plastic Reduction Act 2021, section 17 (Minister may exempt person or plastic product)

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### 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Plastic Reduction (Single-use Plastic Products—Special Circumstances) Exemption 2022 (No 1)*.

### 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 1 July 2022.

### 3 Exemption—single-use plastic drinking straws supplied on request to individuals

- (1) The Act, part 3 (Supplying prohibited plastic products) does not apply to a person (the *straw supplier*)—
- (a) who, on request from an individual, supplies the individual with a single-use plastic drinking straw; or
  - (b) who supplies a single-use plastic drinking straw to the straw supplier.

*Note* This exemption is intended to allow the supply of a prohibited straw to a person who, because of a disability or healthcare need, has requested the straw.

- (2) The exemption in subsection (1) does not allow single-use plastic drinking straws to be displayed in the straw supplier's premises.

*Note* The prohibition on supply of a plastic product under the Act also includes displaying the product (see Act, s 9 (2)).

### 4 Exemption—single-use plastic drinking straws supplied by healthcare entity

- (1) The Act, part 3 (Supplying prohibited plastic products) does not apply to a person—
- (a) employed or engaged (for reward or otherwise) by a healthcare entity in relation to the supply of single-use plastic drinking straws; or
  - (b) who supplies single-use plastic drinking straws to a healthcare entity.

(2) In this section:

***healthcare entity*** means an entity that provides care or products to people with disability or healthcare needs and includes the following:

- (a) a dental clinic;
- (b) an aged or disability care facility;
- (c) a medical clinic;
- (d) a pharmacy.

## **5 Exemption—cotton buds with plastic sticks supplied for scientific etc use**

(1) The Act, part 3 (Supplying prohibited plastic products) does not apply to a person who supplies a prohibited cotton bud to an entity that uses them for scientific, forensic or medical purposes which would be compromised by the use of alternative products.

(2) In this section:

***prohibited cotton bud*** means a cotton bud with a single-use plastic stick or stem.

## **6 Exemption considerations**

In accordance with the Act, section 17 (3), I am satisfied that—

- (a) it is not practicable or in the public interest for a person mentioned in sections 3, 4 and 5 to comply with the Act, part 3; and
- (b) noncompliance with the Act, part 3 will not have any significant adverse effect on public health, property or the environment.

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24 May 2022