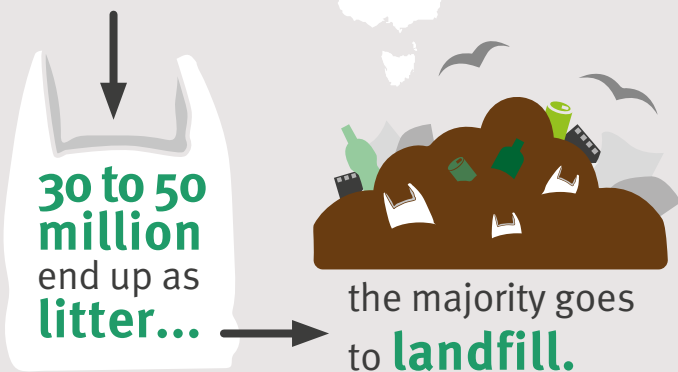


Waste and recycling in Queensland

Plastic bags

Over **3.9 billion** plastic shopping bags are used in Australia every year.

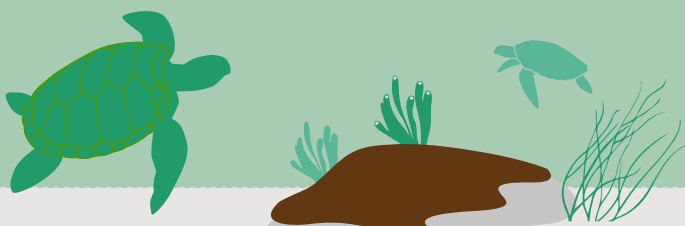


Effect on wildlife

90% of all seabird species have ingested plastic debris.



30% of all sea turtles have ingested plastic debris.



Littered plastic bags

- cost Queenslanders over \$4 million a year in clean-up costs
- take thousands of years to fully break down
- pose real threats to wildlife, marine and land environments
- end up in waterways, polluting and endangering marine life.

What you can do

- use your reusable bags when shopping, instead of the single-use bags provided in-store
- keep an eye out for plastic bag recycling stations outside of supermarkets, and recycle your plastic bags.

What the Queensland Government is doing

The Queensland Government is investigating options to restrict the use of single-use plastic bags, including options such as:

- introducing a statewide ban on single-use, light weight plastic bags
- banning the supply of free single-use plastic bags
- voluntary retailer action
- education and awareness
- better litter management and improved litter infrastructure.

Stay informed on the latest updates from this process at www.ehp.qld.gov.au or join in the conversation at facebook.com/QLdEHP

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