



# ALDI Australia's Plastics and Packaging Progress Report 2020



## A word from ALDI's Director of Corporate Responsibility



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Australians use over 3.5 million tonnes\* of plastics each year, much of which is generated as a part of their weekly shop. We understand the packaging decisions we make have an impact on the environment which is why, in 2019, we set out to reduce plastic packaging across our own-brand products by a quarter by 2025.

**I'm proud to say that by the end of 2020 we achieved a reduction of plastic packaging of four per cent, which has collectively avoided 2,000 tonnes of plastic from entering the environment.**

This includes successfully removing 10 per cent of plastic across our fresh produce range, a category which remains a key focus for the business.

To achieve this plastic reduction, we have been working closely with our producers and manufacturers to remove plastic packaging including sleeves, trays and labels across our range. We've also been identifying ways to replace packaging with sustainable alternatives to reduce the overall plastic quantity and improve recyclability across our products.

These steps may seem minor but they all add up to make a significant difference. The next few years will see us continue to remove plastics from our range and by 2025, all remaining packaging will be either recyclable, reusable or compostable.

We still have a way to go to reach our plastics and packaging goals and are working with industry and business partners to find solutions that will further reduce our environmental impact.

## ALDI 25by25 commitments progress update

### Targets



25% reduction in plastic packaging by end of 2025

✓ **Status:** On track

Reduction



**-4%**



Reduction in fresh produce plastic packaging

✓ **Status:** On track

Reduction



**-10%**



Phase out problematic and unnecessary single-use plastics by end of 2020

✗ **Status:** Behind schedule

Reduction



**-36.4%**



Prioritise the reduction or replacement of difficult to recycle black plastic packaging

✓ **Status:** On track

Reduction



**-54%**



Packaging will be 100% recyclable, reusable or compostable by end of 2025

✓ **Status:** On track

Milestone

**83.5%**



All paper and pulp-based packaging to be certified or minimum 70% recycled content by end of 2020

✗ **Status:** Behind schedule

Milestone

**94%**



Average 30% recycled content in plastic packaging by the end of 2025

✓ **Status:** On track

Milestone

**9%**



ARL logo featured on all ALDI products by end of 2022

✓ **Status:** On track

Milestone

**65%**

\*Australian Plastics Recycling Survey (2018-2019) page 1

## Plastic reduction and packaging improvements across ALDI products



### Tandil Ultra Dishwashing Liquid

- This product has transitioned to a 30% recycled bottle and now features a removable shrink sleeve to keep the recycling stream clean.
- This change in packaging saves 11.5 tonnes of plastic each year.

### Yoconut Dairy Free Dessert

- The former plastic tubs have changed to a paperboard packaging saving 15.3 tonnes of plastic each year.

### Sprinters Chips - 20 pack

- This product is now packaged in a cardboard outer box rather than a plastic bag.
- The change saves 26.2 tonnes of soft plastic from entering the environment each year.

### Back labels removed from select milk bottles

- We have removed the back label from a number of our milk bottles.
- These bottles were already made lighter in 2019 and by removing the back label, we have taken a further step to reduce unnecessary plastic.

### Single-use tableware

- We have swapped out single use plastic tableware and introduced a new range of plates and bowls made entirely of compostable sugar cane, and cutlery made from Birchwood.
- By no longer selling single use plastic tableware, we have been able to save 322 tonnes of plastic from landfill.

### Cotton bud stems

- We have replaced the plastic stem in our cotton buds to a paper stem.
- The switch to paper avoids over 357 million plastic stems from ending up in landfill each year.

### Fresh produce packaging

- A select range of apple, pear, peach and nectarine punnets along the Eastern Seaboard and in SA now feature cardboard packaging, with the plastic tray removed.
- We are also trialing home compostable strawberry punnets and continue to investigate ways to roll this packaging out across more of our produce range.

### Cardboard bread tags

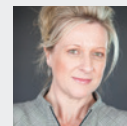
- We have started trialing recyclable cardboard bread tags on a select range of our bread products.
- We continue to work closely with our business partners to identify opportunities to transition to cardboard tags on more of our products.

## The Australian Government's 2025 National Packaging Targets

ALDI's packaging commitments put the business in step with the 2025 National Packaging Targets, which are supported by Australian industry and government and take a prevention-first approach to deliver sustainable packaging.

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Collectively, we have a huge task ahead of us to achieve the 2025 National Packaging Targets. However, it is fantastic to see ALDI step up to address this challenge through implementing solutions to reduce and improve the recyclability of packaging within their supply chain. ALDI is a founding member of the ANZPAC Plastics Pact and a supporting partner of the Australian Dairy Sustainable Packaging Roadmap, both of which are industry leading actions that bring together industry stakeholders to take action to create a circular economy for plastics. 99



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## Support from ALDI's business partners

TrendPac has partnered with ALDI since 2001, manufacturing a large range of cleaning, household and personal care products for our shelves.

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Over the last 20 years, innovation has been a key part of our success with ALDI. We not only create products that are award-winning, we also want to be part of the solution when it comes to reducing our impact on the environment. Working closely with the team at ALDI, we have made many changes to the materials we use in our packaging such as Green Action cleaning range which is packaged in 100 per cent recycled plastic and is biodegradable. More recently, we also re-designed the packaging of the Tandil Ultra Dishwashing Liquid to a material that is 30% recycled.

We are proud to be contributing to ALDI's progress in reducing plastic packaging and will continue to research ways to make our packaging more sustainable. 99



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