

# BOTTLED WATER



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More than a billion people around the world do not have access to safe drinking water. In Australia, we have the luxury of quality tap water, yet despite this:

- Australians spend more than [half a billion dollars](#) a year on bottled water. Last year, the sale of bottled water increased by [10%](#).
- Producing and delivering a litre of bottled water emits hundreds of times more [greenhouse gases](#) than a litre of tap water.
- According to British research, drinking one bottle of water has the same [environmental impact](#) as driving a car for a kilometre. In many cases, a litre of bottled water is more expensive than a litre of petrol.
- The Department of Environment & Climate Change estimates that [200ml of oil](#) is used to produce, package, transport & refrigerate each litre of bottled water. As a result, at least [50 million litres of oil](#) is used in the manufacture & distribution of bottled water in Australia every year.
- Australia [recycles only 36%](#) of PET plastic drink bottles. Yet in [South Australia](#), which has Container Deposit Legislation, the plastic bottle recycling rate is 74%. A 2007 national Newspoll commissioned by Clean Up Australia found that of those polled [82% support a Container Deposit scheme](#) of 10c on bottles.
- Australia's annual use of bottled water generates more than [60,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions](#) - the same amount that 13,000 cars generate over the course of a year.

FACTS

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