



# Coffee Cups

More than 1 billion **COFFEE CUPS** are consumed every year in Australia.



## Why we should recycle

- Disposable paper cups without plastic or waxed coating can be recycled. Placing these cups into the general waste bin adds to the quantity of waste in landfills.
- Disposable coffee cups with a film of polyethylene are not recyclable and will release methane gas when sent to landfill, a greenhouse gas 21 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide.

## How recycling helps

- Most coffee cup lids can be recycled if they have a Plastics Identification Code stamp (1–6), however it is recommended that you remove the lid from the cup when recycling.
- Recycling paper cups and using reusable mugs or KeepCups reduces the amount of waste sent to landfill and the emissions produced by waste decomposition.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Purchase a reusable mug or KeepCup to use when buying coffee. Most disposable coffee cups are not recyclable due to a thin film of plastic coating called polyethylene. Most coffee shops at UQ offer a discount if you bring your own mug!
- Buy durable mugs for your office to help reduce the amount of waste produced.
- **The Properties & Facilities Store now sells UQ Sustainability KeepCups as an alternative to disposable cups. View the catalogue online at [www.pf.uq.edu.au/StoresCatalog.html](http://www.pf.uq.edu.au/StoresCatalog.html) or call the store at 51231.**



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