

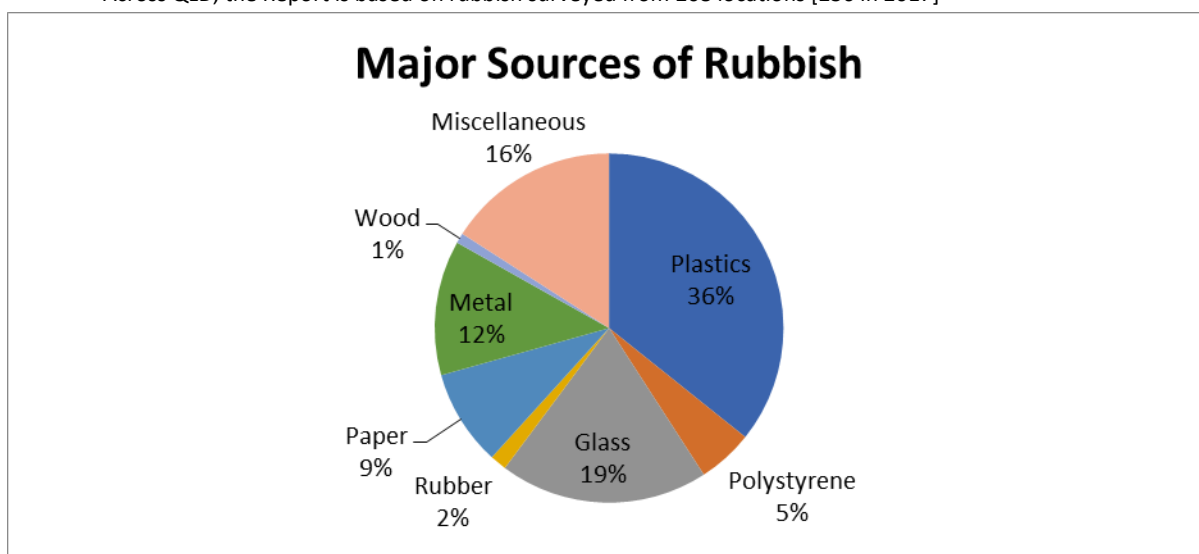
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 3 March 2019  
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## 2018 RUBBISH REPORT- QUEENSLAND

**Sites Registered:** 1,629 [1,503 in 2017]  
**Estimated Volunteers:** 141,484 [115,708 in 2017]  
**Estimated Rubbish Removed:** 3,583.8 ute loads [3,306.6 in 2017]  
**Volunteer hours:** 282,968 [231,416 in 2017]

The 2018 Rubbish Report is a snapshot of rubbish removed by Clean Up Australia Day volunteers. Across QLD, the Report is based on rubbish surveyed from 208 locations [236 in 2017]



### NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2017

- Glass increased by 10%, polystyrene, wood and rubber each by 1%
- Miscellaneous items decreased by 11% and plastics by 2%
- Metals and paper each remained consistent

### THE TOP 10 RUBBISH ITEMS AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL RUBBISH SURVEYED

	GROUPED DATA	%
1	Food packaging	26.8
2	Non-food packaging	20.9
3	Beverage containers	16.9
4	Beverage rubbish	8.1
5	Other [non-identified] items	7.3
6	Chips & confectionery	6.8
7	Plastic bags	4.1
8	Household items	2.0
9	Toys, sporting equip, straps & ropes	1.9
10	Construction materials	1.9

	INDIVIDUAL ITEM COUNT	%
1	Cigarette butts	13.5
2	Small pieces of paper	12.0
3	Chip & confectionery wrappers	4.8
4	Glass alcoholic beverage bottles	3.7
5	PET drink bottles	3.4
6	Other [non-identified] items	3.3
7	Plastic bottle caps & lids	3.3
8	Plastic packaging	3.2
9	Pieces of polystyrene	3.1
10	Soft drink cans	2.9

Grouped Top 10 data made up 96.8% [97.8% in 2017] of reported rubbish.

Individual Item Count Top 10 data = 53.0% [67.3% in 2017]

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### Within grouped data:

- Food packaging as a percentage of all rubbish reported increased by 11.5%
- Chips & confectionery wrappers increased by 3.1%
- Other [non-identified] item counts increased by 4% and Plastic bag counts by 0.5%
- Toys, sports equipment, straps and ropes plus construction materials each increased by 0.4%
- The good news is beverage containers decreased their representation by 0.2%, beverage rubbish by 0.7%; and non-food packaging reported a welcome decrease of 21.2%
- Clothing dropped off the 2018 list, to be replaced by household items @ 2% of reported rubbish

### Within Individual item data:

- Cigarette butts again came in as the single most counted item this year, but with a welcome count decrease of 19.6%
- Small pieces of paper increased their representation by 6.9%
- Confectionery wrappers increased their presence by 1.5%
- Disappointingly, confectionery wrappers, other [non-identified items] plastic packaging and pieces of polystyrene are back on the list
- PET drink bottle counts decreased by 0.4%, alcoholic beverage bottles dropped off the list
- Plastic bottles caps and lids decreased by 3.1%
- Beverage containers represented 10% – a 7.7% decrease over 2017 [17.7%]
- In further good news – metal bottle caps and garbage/rubbish bags both dropped off the list.

### FAVOURITE CLEAN UP SITES

	# of sites surveyed	Number of items found	% of states total waste	Average number of items
Waterways	48	15,294	19%	319
Parks	57	19,498	25%	342
Beach/Coastal	32	14,376	18%	449
Roadway	28	8,141	10%	291
Bushland	21	10,175	13%	485
School Grounds	12	4,731	6%	394
Outdoor Transport	1	623	1%	626
Shops/malls	2	918	1%	459
Dive Site	0	0	0%	0
Other	7	5,182	7%	740

Parks were the most popular site surveyed in 2018, also recording the highest percentage of total waste. Other [non-identified] sites yielded the highest average number of items across the state.

### Notable changes over 2017:

- Three locations recorded increased average item counts this year:
  - Beach/coastal areas increased by 72 items
  - School grounds more than trebled their average item count to 626 [203 last year]
  - Other [non-identified] locations recorded 740 items versus 125 in 2017
- All other locations recorded decreased average counts:
  - Waterways decreased by 175
  - Parks more than halved their count – down from 187 to 342
  - Roadways dropped from 466 to 291
  - Bushland areas reduced their count by 52
  - Shops/Malls dropped nearly 60% to 459 [1,088 in 2017]

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