

**Submission
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MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE ON PRIVATE LANDS

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Parliament of New South Wales
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Inquiry into Management and Disposal of Waste on Private Land

I write in response to your letter dated 28 June 2013 inviting Council to provide a submission on the terms of reference to the above inquiry.

As part of the terms of the terms of reference, Council provides the following key considerations:

- Environmental Harm – leachates, water pollution, livestock poisoning, human water source contamination, silting of creeks and rivers, soil contamination, airborne pollutants, smell, chemical, bacterial, viral, pest infestations – animals and insects.
- Public Health – pollutants- air/water/soil, food source contamination.
- Public Nuisance – eyesore reduced value of adjoining and subject properties due to land mismanagement.
- Transient population – education on waste management is limited.
- The effectiveness of current regulatory arrangements and powers to compel clean-ups on private land and manage derelict buildings. The current regulatory powers are adequate, however, the implementation process is quite cumbersome with regard to procedures to aid implementation.
- Demolition of structures and clearing of lands where waste is generated, hazardous or non- hazardous, should be subject to licensing requirements, in addition to development application (DA) consent.
- The adequacy of inspection and enforcement procedures, including relevant sanctions and powers to recover costs. The inspection and enforcement procedures are sufficient, however, a more consistent approach should be considered amongst all the local government and EPA.
- Regional Illegal Dumping Squad (RID Squad) and a greater western/south western

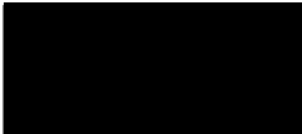
investigative task force created to assist Councils in this region with the provision of investigative resources in relation to dealing with reported offences of illegal dumping offences in these Local Government Areas. This concept should be expanded and controlled by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with a view of being able to co-ordinate and adequately investigate specialised types of offences on a regional and state basis.

- Increased education programs to the community at large with a focus on rural allotments where a large amount of illegal waste is found.
- Legislate for illegal land waste which specifically deals with "materials/waste/soil on land. Possible creation of a new offence: - "Importation of Illegal Landfill without Approval".
- Approval process to store waste/fill/soil on a property to be regulated by Local Councils in conjunction with EPA.
- Have a coordinated approach to have Local Government Authorities centrally report incidents of illegal dumping of waste and for the sharing of this information amongst Local Government Regulatory Authorities for the purposes of resource tasking and formulation of investigation strategies.
- Allow easier sharing of surveillance information between Councils including use of photographs shared through online media to gain information from the public.

Council will be able to assist further as the enquiry progresses and would be able to provide further information on the above points if needed.

If you need further information regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



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