

**Supplementary
Submission
No 32a**

MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE ON PRIVATE LANDS

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The Chair
Committee on Environment and Regulation
Parliament of NSW
Macquarie Street
Sydney, NSW, 2000.
Attention: Chris Patterson

SUBJECT: Inquiry into the Management and Disposal of Waste on Private Lands

Dear Mr. Patterson

The Southern Councils Group (SCG) is the peak organisation representing Local Government in the Illawarra and South Coast regions.

The SCG operates an Illegal Dumping Prevention Program across Bega Valley Shire, Eurobodalla Shire, Kiama Municipal, Shellharbour City, Shoalhaven City, Wingecarribee Shire and Wollongong City Councils, with the financial support of the NSW Environment Protection Authority. The program has only been operating a short time and was initiated due to the growing problem of illegal dumping on both public and private land.

Each participating Council in the program has adopted the EPA data base to record illegal dumping incidents. Training of Council staff in the use of the data base is continuing and comprehensive data will become available to guide our strategic response to this problem and monitor trends. While the data is not yet available, advice from the Councils is that illegal dumping on private land is a problem for each Council to varying degrees and all are frustrated by the lack of adequate powers to cost-effectively deal with the problem. The problem also extends to derelict buildings.

We are aware that the Eurobodalla is making a comprehensive submission to the Inquiry. We wish to advise you of our strong support for the Submission particularly as most of the matters raised have also been experienced by our other member Councils.

Should you require any further information please contact Brian MacDonald on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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