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## **MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE ON PRIVATE LANDS**

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## **Committee on Environment and Regulation**

### **Inquiry into the Management and Disposal of Waste on Private Lands**

#### **Terms of Reference**

- a) The health and safety risks posed by inadequate management and disposal of waste, overgrowth and excess vegetation, pests and odour;**

Council has Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) in place to deal with this and also uses relevant sections from the POEO ACT. Some issues are the infestation of pests rats etc and the faire risk that some wastes pose as well as the devaluation of property

- b) The effectiveness of current regulatory arrangements and powers to compel clean-ups on private on private land and manage derelict buildings.**

Under the POEO Act the Council can compel the owner of a property to action the requests, or orders issued by Council. In addition the POEO Act allows fines to be issued.

- c) The adequacy of inspection and enforcement procedures, including relevant sanctions and powers to recover costs;**

After Council has followed its SOP's, officers use the POEO Act to ensure the work is completed

- d) Possible measures to improve the management of waste on private land;**

Continual monitoring by officers assistance by other state government departments POEO ACT section 22A is useful as the order has a duration (ie 5 years with which it must be complied with), this stops people cleaning up and then going back to old habits of untidiness.

- e) The extent of illegal dumping and the impact on local government authorities of requirements to remove dumped waste;**

The issue of dumped rubbish on public land is more of a issue and the dumper is able to remain anonyms. This issue is getting worse with the increase of building waste and asbestos being dumped where previously it was mainly household waste

- f) Any other related matter**