

**Submission
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MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE ON PRIVATE LANDS

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I refer to your letter dated 28 June 2013 in relation to the above Inquiry and would like to make the following brief comments:

- a) Primary Producers have always and will continue to dispose of waste on their lands. Since the closure of many rural landfill sites by Council's, farmers have disposed of wastes such as dead cows, dead sheep, dead horses and other non-toxic farm wastes on their land. Numerous old abandoned mine shafts on rural properties have been filled with farm waste over the years. Our Council, and I'm sure a lot of other rural Councils, do not receive complaints from neighbours concerning waste disposal on farms.
- b) As bureaucrats make it harder and harder to dispose of waste, we will have the situation whereby more and more illegal dumping at our rural transfer stations will occur. Waste disposal is a huge cost for rural and Regional Councils and any increase in illegal dumping will add to this already significant cost.
- c) Staff are concerned that there may be a requirement on Council's to inspect rural properties to determine if illegal dumping activities are being undertaken. Quite simply, this Council does not have the resources to undertake these inspections and the political ramifications of such a decision will mean that these inspections, should they be enacted in legislation, will not be carried out unless there are additional resources given to Local Government by the NSW State Government for this purpose. Junee Shire Council is not a political Council but there are other small Rural Councils that are very political and that will make it very difficult for their staff to carry out inspections if they indeed become mandatory. We do not want another example of "cost shifting" from the NSW Government on Local Government- there is already too much cost shifting as is evidenced each year by the survey conducted by Local Government NSW!!!

Thankyou for the opportunity to provide comments.

Regards,

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