



Media Statement

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Dry cleaner convicted over failure to investigate contamination

A Mirrabooka business owner has been fined \$22,250 after being convicted in the Perth Magistrates Court for failing to investigate contamination under his dry cleaning business.

Hong Dung Quach was fined \$22,250 and ordered to pay \$7,242.50 in costs for failing to investigate the contamination of soil and groundwater with dry cleaning chemicals beneath his business premises.

Initial inquiries conducted by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) indicated the contamination could have occurred through the disposal of dry cleaning wastes into a stormwater soakwell.

Mr Quach was served with an Investigation Notice pursuant to Section 49 of the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003* in April 2016 and failed to comply with the requirements of the notice.

DWER Executive Director Compliance and Enforcement, Stuart Cowie said the court outcome signified the serious nature of failure to comply with notices.

“The Department takes compliance with notices very seriously and will continue to take action against those with disregard for the law,” he said.

The site in Yirrigan Drive is currently classified as *contaminated – remediation required* under the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*. DWER is working with the land owner to ensure the contamination is appropriately investigated and remediated.

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