



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Water and Environmental Regulation**

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Media Statement

Serial dumper fined \$7,500

A Parmelia man who was caught on covert camera dumping waste on a vacant block in Anketell 13 times in three weeks has been fined \$7,500 in the Rockingham Magistrates Court.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) launched the prosecution after 68-year-old Stewart Humes was photographed unloading waste from his trailer on to privately owned land at Thomas Road.

The 13 offences took place between Thursday 24 November and Monday 12 December in 2016.

In sentencing, Magistrate Lawrence imposed the \$7,500 fine (suspended for 18 months) and ordered Mr Humes to pay costs totalling \$1,119.35.

DWER Senior Manager Waste Operations, Matt Warnock, said the successful prosecution should act as a warning to 'would-be' dumpers.

"Illegal dumping can impact people's health and the environment and imposes significant clean-up costs," he said.

"This court outcome further highlights that if you dump waste illegally you will be caught, and there will be consequences for your actions."

DWER has partnered with a number of local authorities including the Town of Kwinana to share information and tackle illegal dumping.

The Department conducts around 220 illegal dumping investigations annually and monitors covert surveillance across the State.

Illegal dumping can be reported to DWER's Pollution Watch Hotline on 1300 784 782 or by email to pollutionwatch@dwer.wa.gov.au.



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