



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

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Media Statement

\$4,000 fine for illegal dumper

A Kingsley man caught illegally dumping waste in Jandabup on three separate occasions has been fined \$4,000 in the Joondalup Magistrates Court.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) launched the prosecution after the 40-year-old man was seen by witnesses illegally dumping materials in bushland, managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

The convicted man dumped fibro cement fence panels from his trailer into bushland, before returning on a separate evening to dump more fence panels and plastic tubing. The man returned on a third evening to dump a load of bricks at the site – three illegal acts he admitted to during the investigation process.

In sentencing, Magistrate De Vries recognised the seriousness of the offences; however, in light of the man’s cooperation with DWER’s investigators – combined with his guilty pleas – granted a spent conviction.

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

“Illegal dumping can impact people’s health and the environment,” he said.

“If you dump waste illegally you will be caught, and there will be consequences for your actions.”

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.



Solid waste, fibro cement fence panels, plastic tubing and bricks were dumped in bushland by a 40-year-old Kingsley man.

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