



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

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Media Statement

Illegal dumper fined \$4,000

A Kelmscott man caught illegally dumping a trailer load of waste in Mount Cooke has been fined \$4,000 in the Armadale Magistrates Court.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) launched the prosecution after 31-year-old David Anthony Cresswell was caught on covert camera illegally dumping materials at Leslie Track, off Brookton Highway, Mount Cooke – land owned by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and vested in the Water Corporation.

Mr Cresswell, who did not appear in court, was convicted of the offence by Magistrate Wilson who said illegal dumping was “a significant problem in the community”.

He imposed the fine and ordered Mr Cresswell to pay an additional amount of \$300 for failing to divulge the identity of the driver of the vehicle involved in the crime, as well as court costs totalling \$742.50.

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,” 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.”

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.



Mr Cresswell was caught on covert camera illegally dumping waste on DBCA-owned land in Mount Cooke.

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