



Media statement

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Tyre transporter fined for failing to track movement of used tyres

A company which operates a landfill near Meekatharra has been convicted in the Perth Magistrates Court for failing to report the transporting of used tyres collected in the Pilbara.

On 8 May 2020, Longmuir Transport Services WA Pty Ltd was fined \$8000 and ordered to pay \$766.40 in costs for failure to report the transporting of used tyres on 57 separate occasions between 2017 and 2018.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) issued the company a Carriers Licence in 2015.

This allowed the company to transport used tyres under the Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004. However, under the regulations, it was required to notify DWER when transporting more than 200 kilograms of used tyres.

Investigations found that the company had not been submitting the information, or paying the statutory fee, to DWER.

DWER Executive Director Compliance and Enforcement Stuart Cowie said the Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004 are an important tool to ensure the appropriate tracking, management and disposal of controlled wastes throughout Western Australia.

“In this instance, the company has failed to comply with the regulations which impeded the department’s ability to track the movement of controlled waste,” he said.

“I hope this sends a clear message to businesses and the community that those who breach environmental laws will be held to account.”

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