



Dear Householder

I am writing to you to advise that the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has recently commenced prosecution proceedings against DuPont (Australia) Ltd. The commencement of this prosecution follows eight months of intensive investigation, including hundreds of hours of gathering evidence from local residents and businesses, chemical sampling and analysis and weeks of complex forensic work.

The prosecution proceedings, which were commenced in the NSW Land and Environment Court on Wednesday 4 April 2012, allege that land pollution occurred when a herbicide, that DuPont manufactures, escaped from its Girraween plant into the surrounding area last year and resulted in damage to hundreds of trees, shrubs and gardens.

I would like to extend my thanks to the community for their continuing assistance and patience with the investigation.

The maximum penalty for a land pollution offence is \$1,000,000 and \$120,000 for each day the offence continues.

The company has been ordered to appear before the NSW Land and Environment Court in relation to the allegations on 18 May 2012.

Yours sincerely

 11/4/12

Mark Gifford
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