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\$200,000 IN GRANTS AVAILABLE TO HELP CLEAN UP AND CURB ILLEGAL DUMPING ON ABORIGINAL LAND

Environment Minister Mark Speakman today invited Local Aboriginal Land Councils to apply for a share of \$200,000 to help clean-up and prevent illegal dumping on Aboriginal land.

The Aboriginal Land Clean-Up and Prevention round 2 grants are part of the Government's flagship \$465.7 million *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative.

Mr Speakman said illegal dumping was an environmental crime.

"I encourage all interested Local Aboriginal Land Councils to take advantage of this second round of funding to investigate potential measures that could reduce illegal dumping," Mr Speakman said.

Individual grants of between \$5,000 and \$50,000 are available.

Eight Local Aboriginal Land Councils were awarded \$253,353 in round 1 grants.

The Government has allocated \$58 million to reducing illegal dumping as part of the *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative.

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Leslie Williams said that illegal dumping had become a major issue for Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

"I have seen the impact that illegal dumping has on communities," Mrs Williams said.

"Land Councils are facing substantial costs in cleaning up the dumped rubbish and I welcome the funding from the *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative. This will help Land Councils to address illegal dumping and work to prevent illegal dumping on Aboriginal Land."

The grants are open to all NSW Local Aboriginal Area Land Councils.

Applications close on Monday, 2 November.

Details: epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/alcup.htm.