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ILLEGAL DUMPING REPORTING PORTAL OPEN TO PUBLIC

Environment Minister Mark Speakman today invited people to use their smart phones to report any illegal dumping activity on the NSW government's illegal dumping reporting portal.

This is the first time the reporting system has been open to the public.

"Once a person registers on RIDonline they can report any illegal dumping activity, including the type of waste, GPS location and photos," Mr Speakman said.

"The Environment Protection Authority, councils and Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) squads will then use this information to investigate and, if appropriate, issue a fine or clean-up notice.

"RIDonline will help the EPA and councils build a clearer picture of the illegal dumping problem across the state."

The portal opened to the EPA, councils, RID squads and public land managers in September. Since then more than 5,500 reports involving more than 20,000 tonnes of illegally dumped waste across more than 70 local government areas have been reported.

Similarly, the EPA received almost 12,000 reports of littering from vehicles on the *Report to EPA* portal and subsequently issued more than 6,500 fines since April.

The government has allocated \$58 million over five years to tackle illegal dumping as part of its \$465.7 million *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative.

The penalties for illegal dumping are up to \$15,000 in fines and potential jail time for anybody caught illegally dumping within five years of a prior illegal dumping conviction.

To register visit: <https://ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au>

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