

FOREWORD



Crackdown on Illegal Dumping – Handbook for Local Government provides an insight into what motivates illegal dumpers and focuses on ways of minimising the opportunities that give rise to illegal dumping in NSW.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) is committed to strong enforcement to deter and punish illegal dumping. Illegal dumping damages the environment and costs the NSW community millions of dollars each year.

Reducing litter and illegal dumping is a key outcome area of the NSW Government's Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy. An additional \$18 million has been allocated over five years to strengthen DECC's enforcement and compliance programs as part of the NSW Government's five year City and Country Environment Restoration Program.

DECC is working in partnership with local government to tackle illegal dumping. Support will continue for Regional Illegal Dumping Squads, which have proven to be very successful partnership programs in dealing with illegal dumping on or near the urban fringe of the greater Sydney metropolitan area.

This handbook provides practical advice about developing, implementing and evaluating effective illegal dumping programs that will assist local councils. The Government case studies demonstrate applied prevention techniques that will assist council officers in managing illegal dumping in their local area.

I thank everyone who took the time to contribute to the handbook. I encourage you to read it and help us in joining the campaign to stop illegal dumping.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Corbyn".

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Director General