

# Media Release

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## Waste dumper pays dearly

A Kidman Park man who chose not to pay an expiation fee and levy of \$360 for the illegal disposal of concrete waste has been ordered by a judge to pay fines and costs totaling \$20,000.

Shane Hanley was prosecuted by the EPA on one count each of illegal disposal of waste and for failing to clean up waste after being issued an Environment Protection Order (EPO).

Mr Hanley pleaded guilty and was convicted in the Environment, Resources and Development Court on both counts.

The incident related to the illegal dumping of concrete waste that took place on a vacant property in Piovesan Court Kidman Park, on 14 July last year.

A neighbour who witnessed three people pumping wet concrete onto the ground, took photos and contacted police.

Mr Hanley who was still at the site when police arrived later, told them he was the owner of the concrete truck whose waste was cleaned-out from the mixer.

He also told police that he would clean up the waste concrete before the end of the day's shift but failed to do that which led to the EPA issuing him an expiation fee of \$300 and a \$60 levy for causing an environmental nuisance.

Mr Hanley responded by notifying the EPA on 6 October last year that he would not pay the expiation fee but instead contest the matter in court.

The EPA inspected the Piovesan Court site again and found that the concrete waste had not been cleaned up and Mr Hanley was issued another EPO to clean up the site by 19 December 2014 which was ignored.

In her sentencing remarks yesterday, Judge Cole said that it was a matter of great concern that Mr Hanley had ignored an EPO.

"The illegal dumping of material is a blatant disregard of other people's rights and a cheap disposal of waste that caused harm to the amenity and the usability of the property," Judge Cole said.

EPA Manager Investigations and Tactical Support, Stephen Barry said that this was a significant outcome that sends a strong message to those who don't treat illegal dumping as serious community issue.

"It is everyone's responsibility to dispose of waste appropriately and quick thinking by the neighbours to take photos of the waste and truck was of great assistance to EPA in this case," Mr Barry said.

Anyone with information about illegal dumping can report it to the EPA on 8204 2004.

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