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Para Hills man fined for illegal dumping

The EPA welcomes the sentence handed down today by the Environment Resources and Development (ERD) Court in relation to the illegal dumping of waste in northern Adelaide.

The ERD Court convicted and fined a 35 year old Para Hills man \$2,700 and also ordered him to pay \$106 victims of crime levy, \$800 court costs, as well as \$2,488.46 to cover Council clean-up costs.

The man used a hire tipper truck in June 2016 to illegally dump 6.4 tonnes of material, including concrete, soil and pavers, at Thomas Gully in Para Hills.

The City of Salisbury arranged for the clean-up and disposal of the dumped waste.

In her sentencing remarks, Judge Coles said the breach of the Environment Protection Act 1993 caused environmental harm and the defendant needed to be adequately punished.

The EPA's Manager Investigations and Waste Compliance, Stephen Barry, said illegal dumping is a serious matter.

"Illegal dumping is unsightly and puts our health and safety at risk and can harm the environment by polluting land and waters. It also costs Councils over a million dollars a year to clean up after people choose to illegally dump.

"Most people who illegally dump rubbish think it is a better option than paying a reasonable charge at a waste management facility or landfill to dispose of it correctly but they risk facing a maximum penalty of \$120,000 or two years' imprisonment if prosecuted," Mr Barry said.

The EPA encourages the reporting of illegal dumping activities anywhere in South Australia by contacting its Pollution Hotline on (08) 8204 2004, outside of the metropolitan area on 1800 623 445 or by email at epainfo@sa.gov.au

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