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EPA successfully prosecutes waste management operator

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has been successful in prosecuting Mr Stan Kapoulitsas, Director of AllState Pty Ltd, in relation to the receipt and management of waste at the company's former Dry Creek depot between 1 September 2011 and 7 March 2012.

Mr Kapoulitsas was convicted and fined \$7,500 in the Environment, Resources and Development (ERD) Court on 25 June 2013 on three counts of licence breaches and one count of disposing of waste to an unlicensed site.

This fine comes after an EPA investigation in March 2012 into the waste management activities at the AllState recycling depot. The investigation found that the company was receiving unauthorised waste; exceeding tonnage limits and stockpile heights contrary to its EPA licence, and waste was being stored outside the licensed site boundary.

Since the investigation, AllState has gone into administration, however, Mr Kapoulitsas, as a director of AllState, remains responsible for the breaches.

In handing down the ruling, Her Honour Judge Cole commented that it seemed that approximately 6,500 tonnes of waste was received at the premises over and above the amount it was licensed to receive and that there could have been environmental consequences from the breaches.

Judge Cole also commented that if Mr Kapoulitsas was still in control of the site and operating in breach of his licence, he would have been subject to a much higher fine.

EPA Deputy Chief Executive Tony Circelli said that the EPA was pleased with the outcome of its investigation and the fine passed down by the ERD Court.

"As South Australia's leading environmental regulator it is our role to protect the local environment and to ensure corporations are aware of their responsibility to adhere to the conditions set out in their licences.

"This penalty is a reminder that the EPA is serious about pursuing those that breach the *Environment Protection Act 1993* and this type of illegal activity will not be tolerated," said Mr Circelli.

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