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### ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

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#### Company fined for breaching Environment Protection Act

Rocks AND Pty Ltd has been fined \$19,200 by the Environment, Resources and Development Court after pleading guilty to operating an illegal waste depot. The company was also ordered to pay \$2,000 to the EPA to cover investigation and technical costs.

The maximum fine for such offences is \$120,000.

The Callington based company operated the waste depot without an EPA licence from 24 February 2004 to 7 July 2006.

EPA Chief Executive Dr Paul Vogel said the EPA was alerted to the site after receiving complaints that waste was being delivered to the site illegally. The EPA conducted a site inspection and discovered approximately 3,062m<sup>3</sup> of non-toxic waste consisting of bricks, concrete, iron, slate and burnt vegetation.

An Environment Protection Order was served on the company.

"This conviction sends a clear message to industry and the community that everyone has a responsibility to protect the environment and comply with environmental law," Dr Vogel said.

All EPA licensed sites are required to comply with licence conditions set by the EPA to minimise potential environmental impacts.