



# Media release



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## Truckies doing the right thing

South Australian Environment Protection Authority officers monitoring trucks on major northern and southern roads recently found that most truckies were doing the right thing by covering their loads.

Manager, Investigations and Tactical Support, Stephen Barry, said that Operation Cover Up was an ongoing compliance and enforcement operation focused on EPA-licensed waste transporters.

“This day-long operation was in response to the amount of litter on roads, especially on the sides of Port Wakefield Road where it has been causing concern for property owners as well as being unsightly,” Mr Barry said.

“In these locations, we observed an average of five heavy vehicles a minute, ranging from small trucks, tippers and skip bin trucks, to semi-trailers and B-doubles.

“The drivers of the vast majority of the trucks we observed had taken proper measures to secure, contain or cover their loads.

“We issued a total of five expiations, though only one was to a licensed waste transporter, which tells us that licensed transporters are doing a good job of meeting their environmental obligations.

“The fine for the licensed transporter involved litter falling from the truck’s trailer after the driver had dropped a load of waste at the Inkerman landfill.

“During the operation, our officers also issued an expiation for environmental nuisance to the driver of a tipper truck travelling along Port Wakefield Road at Lower Light, due to a significant amount of onion casings being blown from the truck that were creating a hazard for other road users.”

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