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Demolition and waste contractor charged with operating illegal waste depots

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has charged a northern suburbs demolition and waste contractor and its director for allegedly operating unlicensed waste depots in Adelaide's northeast and a location 100 kms east of Adelaide.

Port Adelaide Salvage SA Pty Ltd and its sole director Maurizio Corsaro are charged with operating illegal depots in Houghton and Sedan between 2017 and 2019.

They face 17 charges for various offences under the *Environment Protection Act 1993*, including illegal operation of waste depots, breaching Clean Up Orders and hindering, assaulting and using abusive language towards EPA officers.

The charges relate to an EPA investigation into alleged unlicensed waste depots operated by Port Adelaide Salvage and Mr Corsaro.

Clean Up Orders were subsequently issued to the company and its director which were not complied with.

Following the non-compliance the EPA engaged licensed contractors to remove asbestos contaminated waste in April 2020 and dispose of it at appropriately licensed facilities.

The EPA is now seeking to recover more than \$600,000 in clean-up costs from Port Adelaide Salvage.

The company was fined \$37,500 in July 2019 for operating an illegal dump in Highbury between August and November 2012, and another in Houghton.

In October 2019 the EPA suspended the company's authority to transport waste for three years after Port Adelaide Salvage transported asbestos that was not appropriately wrapped or sealed, putting the public and the environment at risk.

Anyone who suspects an unlicensed waste facility may be operating in their area is encouraged to contact their local council or the EPA hotline on 8204 2004.