

Media Release

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EPA investigation: Northern Expressway

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The EPA has reopened its investigation into alleged illegal dumping at the construction site of the Northern Expressway.

The EPA conducted an investigation last week following information supplied by Today Tonight, digging six test pits across the Wingate borrow pit (approx. 260mx170m), where there had been obvious recent disturbance of the soil. No evidence of illegal dumping was found at the time. The EPA advised Fulton Hogan and DTEI that it would reopen its investigation if any further evidence came to light.

On Wednesday this week (10/3/10) the EPA was advised by Fulton Hogan that the company had received new information, pin-pointing a specific location within the borrow pit area, and that it had uncovered an amount of waste material.

The EPA attended and inspected the site on Thursday (11/3/10).

The waste material has been removed and disposed of appropriately.

The EPA has reopened its investigation to determine if an offence has been committed against the Environment Protection Act.