

**MM-1                    MAYORAL MINUTE - ILLEGALLY DUMPED WASTE**

**Department        Executive Services**

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**REPORT**

I would like to bring to Council's attention the recent disturbing illegal dumping of bulk waste outside a Council property.

The illegally dumped waste covered 96 metres and included bulk household items, personal items and even food waste. The waste was investigated by the Sydney RID (Regional Illegal Dumping) Squad, of which Council is a member, prior to collection. The entire tonnage of the waste weighed in at approximately 4.6 tonnes.

The RID Squad collected at least six (6) forms of identification pertaining to persons of interest, which they will be investigating in the coming weeks and issuing appropriate fines. Council officers undertook surveillance of the area, catching and fining one individual for dumping 60kg of general waste and light fittings at the site.

Council arranges twice yearly bulk household pick-ups for items placed outside residences. It is illegal to dump items onto public land or outside of scheduled bulk pick-up times. Any individual or corporation found dumping illegally face fines ranging from \$2,000 to \$8,000.

The cost of collecting this 4.6 tonnes of waste was borne by Council, with the exact cost yet to be finalised.

Thank you to our Law Enforcement Officers and Waste Management teams for their assistance and attention to this matter.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council receive and note the report.