

# Media Release

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### Five Star Homes prosecuted in EPA case

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has been successful in the prosecution of Pasquale Papallia, a director of Five Star Homes Pty Ltd in the Environment Resources and Development Court today.

Papallia pleaded guilty to recklessly or intentionally contravening clause 10 of the Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010,. On 7 September 2010, he directed his employee to dispose of 6.8 tonnes of excavated soil, and the soil was tipped on a property at Ocean Boulevard, Seacliff without the site owner's permission.

At the time of the offence the company was issued an Environment Protection Order by the EPA requiring them to clean up the site. Today its director was fined \$6,000 in the Environment Resources and Development Court.

According to EPA Director of Strategy and Sustainability Tony Circelli, today's judgment is a good example of the EPA's commitment to ensuring people who choose to do the wrong thing, causing environmental harm, are brought to justice.

"This is the first EPA prosecution taken against a company director and the first prosecution under the new Environment Protection (Waste to Resources Policy) 2010," said Mr Circelli.

"It also highlights the important work of the new EPA Illegal Dumping Unit in taking a zero-tolerance approach to illegal dumping and ensuring offenders are forced to pay full clean-up costs as well as penalties imposed through the court system.

"South Australia is well known as a leader in waste management and while most businesses will do the right thing, there are some people who continue to ignore the warnings and dump waste illegally.

"Not only is this breaking the law, but it is also undermining the legitimate waste operators and the investments made by industry," said Mr Circelli.

"The public has a very clear expectation that businesses and industries will do the right thing for the benefit of the community and the environment when disposing of waste. They also expect that there should be strong enforcement if they don't," Said Mr Circelli.

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