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First conviction under Dob in a Litterer program

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has welcomed the Environment Resource and Development (ERD) Court's decision in convicting and fining a Royal Park man under the Dob in a Litterer program.

The man was convicted of being the owner of a vehicle from which a live cigarette butt was disposed on Port Road Woodville in September 2017 contrary to sections 22(1)(c) and 26(1) of the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016*.

He was fined \$300 and ordered to pay \$160 Victims of Crime levy.

EPA Manager Community Support, Jeff Todd said the case highlighted the seriousness of this type of offending.

"The program was launched as part of the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016* and has been developed to support a public litter reporting system," Mr Todd said.

"The program and the conviction sends a message to people that littering from vehicles will not be tolerated and penalties apply," he said.

This is the first Dob in a Litterer report that has been contested through the ERD Court.

"There has been good community support for the Dob in a Litterer program with a steady increase in the number of people registering and using the app and website to report incidents of littering from vehicles.

"Almost 1600 reports of littering from vehicles has been lodged through the Dob in a litterer app and website since the program first began in 1 February 2017," Mr Todd said.

Fines range from \$210 for general litter, \$500 for hazardous litter which includes lit cigarettes and glass, and \$1000 for larger quantities of litter.

South Australians are encouraged to continue to support the program and report litter being thrown from vehicles to keep our streets and our environment clean.

Reports can be made via the Dob in a Litterer app or website.

The app can be downloaded for free from the Apple and Google stores or from www.dobinalitterer.sa.gov.au or register at the website.

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