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EPA takes action against smallgoods company

The Environment Protection Authority has taken action against an Adelaide smallgoods company requiring it to improve wastewater management at its Bowden premises.

An Environment Protection Order (EPO) has been issued against Conroy's Smallgoods Pty Ltd following an inspection of the Bowden premises by EPA officers acting on complaints from residents.

The EPO, issued on Tuesday 12 July 2011, requires Conroy's to immediately cease the discharge of wastewater from its site and submit by 12 September 2011, a detailed action plan that addresses the wastewater and stormwater management issues on the Bowden site.

Conroy's will be required to implement the plan once it has been confirmed by the EPA that it meets the company's environmental management obligations.

EPA Director Regulation and Compliance Keith Baldry said the EPO is in response to a history of reluctance by Conroy's to put in place reasonable measures to meet its environmental obligations required under its licence conditions.

"The EPO requirement to develop an action plan will ensure Conroy's better manages its wastewater at the Bowden site and minimises the risk of future impacts on the environment and their Bowden neighbours," he said.

The EPA will require Conroy's to:

- prevent overflows from wastewater collection and storage systems.
- protect clean stormwater from contamination.
- ensure the integrity of Conroy's wastewater and stormwater network.
- ensure staff receives environmental training on the conditions of the company's EPA licence and their obligations under the *Environment Protection (Water Quality) Policy 2003*.

The company could be subject to further enforcement measures if the requirements of the Environment Protection Order are not met.

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