

# Media Release

## Environment Protection Authority



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### EPA seeks help to find asbestos dumper

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is appealing for more information to help identify the person or company that was responsible for illegally dumping asbestos and building materials near Osborne.

Six tonnes of building waste including bags of asbestos was discovered recently in a secluded area at Mutton Cove.

EPA Investigations and Tactical Support Manager Stephen Barry, said a perimeter was established on Friday 20 March in the surrounding area to investigate the dumped material.

“Four tonnes of asbestos was removed from this area on that day and a contractor was required to remove a further two tonnes of demolition waste and building materials several days later,” Mr Barry said.

“The EPA takes these matters very seriously and acted swiftly to ensure that public health and safety was not compromised.”

Penalties for illegally dumping waste range between \$120,000 or two years’ imprisonment for individuals and a maximum of \$250,000 for a corporate body.

Mr Barry said this matter is still being investigated and the EPA is keen to hear from anyone who may have seen suspicious activity, a vehicle or a truck in the area.

“Members of the public who may have seen a vehicle that looked suspicious that was travelling along Mersey Road Osborne are encouraged to contact the EPA or Crime Stoppers,” he said.

“Any information may be useful to our investigation and callers can remain anonymous if they desire.”

The EPA Pollution and Environment Incident number is (08) 8204 2004 or 1800 623 445 outside of the metropolitan area.

Alternatively information can be forwarded to Police Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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