

Sydney RID Squad



The Problem

SSROC councils reported over 67,000 illegal dumping incidents in 2013/14, equaling almost 19,000 tonnes of materials. Councils are burdened with investigation, cleanup and enforcement costs, a significant barrier to meaningful prevention or deterrence measures.

About Sydney RID Squad

The Sydney Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Squad is a coordinated and strategic task force that assists councils by investigating and collecting intelligence in order to track dumping to the offending source, and take meaningful action. It conducts surveillance and strategic deterrence measures, and carries out community engagement and prevention initiatives that align with councils' priorities in the region.



RID REPORT
ILLEGAL
DUMPING

The Sydney RID Squad is a unique governance arrangement. Investigators have cross-border delegations to investigate incidents across multiple government areas. Member councils share control of compliance and on-ground operations through a strategic regional workplan. The Squad has a tactical advisory relationship with NSW EPA as a new and dedicated illegal dumping authority.

What are the benefits?

- Dedicated resources focused on intelligence gathering and analysis
- Saves councils the costs of clean up, investigation, and resourcing
- Information and resource sharing across greater Sydney
- Targeted enforcement and proactive education campaigns
- Cross-border delegations to deal with dumpers across multiple areas

What kinds of dumping will Sydney RID Squad prioritise?

- Any incident notified through a council request
- Any incident with high potential for evidence collection
- Green waste, mulch, tree loppings, soil
- Construction, demolition and renovation waste
- Asbestos dumping investigations and response
- Bulky household furniture, whitegoods and rubbish
- Problematic and hazardous wastes

AIMS TO

- Build a strategic, on-ground approach
- Take action against offenders
- Investigate incidents
- Collect, map and analyse data
- Conduct prevention initiatives

SSROC PARTICIPANTS

Ashfield
Bankstown City (Host)
City Botany Bay
City of Canada Bay
City of Canterbury
Hurstville City
Kogarah City
Marrickville
Randwick City
Rockdale City
Sutherland Shire
Waverley
Auburn, Strathfield (NB non-SSROC councils)

COST

Co-contribution between EPA and councils through 2017

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