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## Sydney Regional Task Force Pledges to Wipe Out Illegal Dumping

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SSROC research has found that 19,000 tonnes of illegally dumped material was collected from 67,000 reported incidents in the region in 2013-14, and steadily rising since 2010.

To combat this, SSROC councils Ashfield, Bankstown, Botany Bay, Canada Bay, Canterbury, Hurstville, Kogarah, Marrickville, Randwick, Rockdale, Sutherland and Waverley councils have committed to a two-year partnership along with Auburn and Strathfield councils and the EPA to form the “Sydney Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Squad”.

On 28 September 2015, NSW Environment Minister Mark Speakman launched the Sydney RID Squad.

Under the NSW EPA’s *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative, \$58 million has been allocated over 5 years to tackle illegal dumping across the State. The *NSW Illegal Dumping Strategy 2014-16* sets out 21 actions to deal with illegal dumping, including the establishment of new RID squads.

The EPA co-contributes funding to the RID squads along with the member councils paying an equal contribution in total. The RID squads are supported through the NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy.

SSROC General Manager Namoi Dougall welcomed the announcement. “This represents a regional, strategic and on-ground approach to dealing with illegal dumping,” Ms Dougall said.

“It is an opportunity for councils and the EPA to combine resources and work together to target illegal dumping and, of equal importance, educate the community about its effects.”

Bankstown City Council hosts the Sydney RID Squad, and co-ordinates the daily operations of its investigators.

“We are proud to lead the expansion of a very successful program we developed, with the support of the EPA,” Bankstown City Council General Manager, Matthew Stewart said.

“Councils, and their communities, are sick and tired of their streets and parks being used as dumping grounds by a minority of thoughtless people, so we’ve drawn a line in the sand and are winning the fight.

“Our message is clear – we now have Sydney covered and if you are doing the wrong thing, you will be caught and prosecuted.”

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