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**Media Statement**

## **Hidden cameras result in fine**

A 34-year-old Clarkson man has today been fined \$7,500 in the Joondalup Magistrates Court after illegally dumping construction and demolition waste in Nowergup.

Barry Bradley was identified by Department of Environment Regulation (DER) investigators monitoring covert cameras at the site.

Mr Bradley was contracted to demolish an old garage at a home in Morley and correctly dispose of any waste materials from the premises.

On 18 March 2016, he then drove a white tip truck to a disused Wesco Road quarry, dumping a truck load of soil, dead green waste, plastic piping, concrete slabs and house bricks – measuring 3 metres long by 3 metres wide and 1.5 metres in height.

DER Director General Jason Banks said the successful prosecution made it clear that severe penalties applied to anyone who illegally dumped waste across the State.

“This incident saw an offender, carrying on a commercial enterprise that produces waste, choose to illegally dump it rather than properly dispose of it,” Mr Banks said.

“This practice can impact on people’s health and the environment and imposes unnecessary costs on others, whilst commercially benefiting the offender.

“I urge anyone who witnesses illegal dumping to report it to us, so we can take action.”

Maximum penalties for illegal dumping are \$62,500 for individuals and \$125,000 for corporations.

Illegal dumping is an offence under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and should be reported to DER’s 24-hour Pollution Watch Hotline on 1300 784 782 or [pollutionwatch@der.wa.gov.au](mailto:pollutionwatch@der.wa.gov.au).

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