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***Media Statement***

## **Hidden cameras catch out dumper**

Ryan Trevor Clegg has been \$3000 in Rockingham Magistrates Court, after the State's environmental regulator launched prosecution action for the illegal dumping of waste in Rockingham.

The 43-year-old man was identified after investigators from the Department of Environment Regulation's (DER) Illegal Dumping Program placed covert cameras at the site, capturing images of the vehicle being driven by Mr Clegg.

On 31 March 2016, Mr Clegg – who worked in boat repairs at the time – dumped a utility tray load of waste onto bushland near Mandurah Road in East Rockingham – including a fridge trolley, spear gun and vehicle bull bar, as well as glass, tyres, boat seating, electric welders, swimming pool fencing, vacuum cleaners and PVC piping.

Magistrate Atkins read out a statement from Mr Clegg in court, which stated the offender believed the incident occurred during the "worst time in his life" and that illegal dumping was a "stupid thing to do". Mr Clegg was also ordered by the court to pay \$742 in costs.

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

"The offender decided to illegally dump this load of waste rather than properly dispose of it – putting people's health and the environment at risk and leaving the landowner with a \$660 clean-up bill," said Mr Volaric.

"We will continue to install and monitor covert cameras across our State as part of our Illegal Dumping Program, which conducts around 220 illegal dumping investigations – in order to stamp out this behaviour.

"I urge anyone who witnesses such activity to report it to us, so we can take action."

[Illegal dumping](#) can 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)



**Covert camera image recording the incident**



**The dumped waste at the site**

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