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## Important information for waste transporters and the waste industry



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Don't risk hefty fines or prosecution

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# Do the right thing...



## What is waste?

Waste is not just rubbish and unwanted material but also includes:

- excavated material such as dirt, sandstone and soil
- construction, building and demolition waste, such as asphalt, bricks, concrete, plasterboard, timber and vegetation
- asbestos and contaminated soil.

## Cover your load

Clause 49(c) of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2005 requires waste transported by a vehicle to be covered during its transportation.

- Uncovered loads of waste can spill onto the road and create dust and litter.
- Dust, soil and litter that escape from uncovered vehicles can wash into stormwater drains and pollute waterways.

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Ensure waste transported by a vehicle is covered or risk a \$500 fine.

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## Transport waste safely

- Heavy objects, such as bricks, rocks and concrete from vehicles that are uncovered, can dislodge and cause an accident or damage other vehicles on the road.
- Uncovered loads of waste can generate dust that causes breathing and vision problems for other road users such as cyclists, motorbike riders and pedestrians.

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If waste is illegally dumped and harms the environment, the maximum penalty is \$5 million or 7 years' jail.

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## Transport waste to a lawful place

Section 143 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* requires waste to be transported to a place that can lawfully accept it.

The **owner of the waste** and the **transporter** are each guilty of an offence when waste is transported to a place that cannot lawfully be used as a waste facility.

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Uncovered waste loads impact directly on other road users and the environment. Illegally dumped waste also harms the environment: only transport waste to a lawful place.

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## Avoiding fines and penalties

- Know what types of waste are carried on your vehicle.
- Check the council development consent and environment protection licence for the waste facility to make sure it can lawfully accept the waste.
- Provide the waste facility with details of the waste (classification, origin and quantity).
- Ensure any vehicle used for the transport of waste is constructed and maintained to prevent spillage of waste.
- Check the containers used to transport waste are secured safely on the vehicle.
- Ensure any waste that is transported by a vehicle is covered during its journey (unless the waste consists solely of tyres and/or scrap metal).
- Keep accurate written records such as:
  - details of the waste (classification, name and address of its origin and quantity)
  - copies of waste dockets/receipts for the waste facility (date, time of delivery, name and address of the facility, its ABN, contact person).