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ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING - EDUCATION AND COMPLIANCE

POLICY OBJECTIVES

The 'Dob in a Dumper' program is a community based campaign to combat illegal dumping of rubbish on the Central Coast. Partners to the program are Gosford City Council, Wyong Council and the Department of Environment and Conservation.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Program

- 1 Members of the community are asked to record the details of persons/vehicles seen in the act of dumping waste in areas not set aside for these activities and pass these details over to Council's Rangers.
- 2 The Rangers will confront the person/s identified and endeavour to obtain an admission.
- 3 If an admission is obtained an on the spot infringement of up to \$750 may be imposed with a request for the offender to remove the dumped rubbish.
- 4 When payment of the fine is obtained the informant is to receive a maximum \$500 reward. The payment made to the informant will be determined by the penalty imposed.
- 5 Should the matter proceed to litigation and a successful prosecution is obtained, the informant will receive a maximum \$500 reward. The payment made to the informant will be determined by the penalty recovered.
- 6 Should the fine not be paid, **or** the matter not proceed to litigation, **or** the litigation be unsuccessful, no reward will be paid.

Payment

- 7 The act of informing Council of an illegal dumping incident in no way obliges Council to pay the informant, unless and until a successful prosecution is obtained.

Prosecution

- 8 At all times, Council reserves the right to determine how far proceedings will be taken in each particular case.
- 9 In determining the extent of prosecution, Council is free to take into account any factors relevant to the case, such as the likelihood of a successful prosecution being obtained, the cost/benefit of proceeding with the matter, the magnitude of the offence.

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