

Media Release

ASBESTOS DISPOSAL AND DUMPING

In January earlier this year, asbestos was illegally dumped at the O'Neill Road Waste Facility during operating hours.

As a direct result of this, the refuse shed was closed and a costly clean-up operation took place the next day before the waste facility was judged to be safe.

The Shire of Plantagenet has policies and procedures in place to minimise the risk to the public and its workers. Those policies are not onerous and members of the public who ignore these procedures put not only their own health at risk, but also the health of members of the public and council staff. There are also significant penalties that can be set if a successful prosecution is brought under the Health Act for incorrect removal, packaging and dumping of asbestos.

The Shire is considering its legal position with relation to mounting a prosecution.

For information on disposal of asbestos at the O'Neill Road Waste Management Facility visit the Shire of Plantagenet website at www.plantagenet.wa.gov.au or telephone the Administration Office on (08) 9892 1111.
