

Council adopts illegal dumping strategy

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Council has adopted an illegal dumping strategy to better protect the local environment, reduce threats to wildlife and ecosystems and minimise the spread of weeds and vermin.

Among the measures to be implemented as part of the illegal dumping strategy, Council will increase the risk of getting caught, reduce incentives to illegally dump, educate and inform the community and make access to hotspots difficult using structural approaches such as barriers, landscaping and lighting.

Mayor Julia Leu said illegal dumping is a constant and highly visible problem that impacts the Douglas Shire in a number of ways.

“As well as creating an eyesore, illegal dumping can have negative social impacts as a result of the decreased amenity of our public spaces, detrimental environmental consequences and economic consequences and it is important to tackle each contributing factor,” Mayor Leu said.

“For instance, Council can reduce illegal dumping in hotspots by increasing the legitimate usage of the area, carry out high-profile compliance campaigns and publicise successful detections and prosecutions.

“Council will also provide and promote free or subsidised waste services and ensure reasonable waste service costs, foster community pride by enhancing an area’s aesthetic appeal and keep areas free of illegally dumped material.

“I encourage everyone to be involved in reducing the impacts of illegal dumping by reporting any incidence of illegal dumping and providing information to Council which may assist in obtaining a prosecution.”

A copy of Council’s illegal dumping strategy is available on Council’s website www.douglas.qld.gov.au.

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