

ODOUR ABATEMENT TASKFORCE

Update on odour issues

Cleanaway New Chum site update - 29 March 2023

On 28 March 2023, following an extensive investigation, the Department has charged Cleanaway Solid Waste Pty Ltd with a number of offences in relation to its New Chum facility, including wilfully causing an environmental nuisance relating to odour in 2022.

The specific charges are:

- One offence contrary to section 440(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act) for wilfully and unlawfully causing an environmental nuisance. The maximum penalty for an offence contrary to section 440(1) of the EP Act is \$1,147,601.
- One offence contrary to section 430(2) of the EP Act for wilfully contravening a condition of an environmental authority (EA). The maximum penalty for an offence contrary to section 430(2) is \$4,307,812.
- Ten offences contrary to section 430(3) of the EP Act for contravening a condition of an EA. The maximum penalty for an offence contrary to section 430(3) of the EP Act is \$3,101,625.

The matter is listed before the Ipswich Magistrates Court for mention on 24 April 2023.

Given the matter is now before the Court, the Department will not be making any further comment at this time.

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