

# LITTERING ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOURS

OF RESIDENTS IN THE DARLING DOWNS & SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF MAYORS

**THE PUBLIC ARE NOT TOLERANT OF LITTERING AND FIND IT UNACCEPTABLE**

## UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOURS

**96%**

Dropping packaging or bottles/cans out of a vehicle

(QLD average 98%)

**84%**

Leaving food scraps in a park

(QLD average 88%)

**66%**

Putting rubbish beside an overflowing public bin

(QLD average 73%)

## LITTERING PROFILE OF RESIDENTS

**1%**

**FREQUENT LITTERER**

(QLD average 2%)

**21%**

**OCCASIONAL LITTERER**

(QLD average 23%)

**11%**

**FOOD SCRAPS LITTERER**

(QLD average 10%)

**66%**

**NON LITTERER**

(QLD average 64%)

**FEAR OF GETTING CAUGHT IS NOT A STRONG DETERRENT**

## MOTIVATIONS FOR NOT LITTERING

**81%**

Because it would look ugly

(QLD average 84%)

**87%**

Someone else would have to pick it up

(QLD average 83%)

**69%**

Too worried about being seen by others

(QLD average 59%)

**MANY BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE ARE UNLIKELY TO BE CAUGHT AND FINED FOR LITTERING**

AT MOST...

**36%**

Think people get caught and fined for dropping rubbish out of a vehicle

(QLD average 31%)

**WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT IS ILLEGAL, AREAS OF CONFUSION INCLUDE:**



Releasing of balloons at a celebration or memorial



Food scraps

**74%**

Are likely to report littering if they witness it in the future

(QLD average 74%)

**BUT ONLY CERTAIN TYPES**

## MOST LIKELY TO REPORT

**64%** Flicking a cigarette butt into dry grass or bushland  
(QLD average 61%)

**64%** Emptying their car waste onto a car park or roadside  
(QLD average 58%)

## LEAST LIKELY TO REPORT

**22%** Leaving rubbish behind on a public picnic table  
(QLD average 23%)

**16%** Leaving rubbish behind at a stadium or concert  
(QLD average 16%)

# ILLEGAL DUMPING ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOURS

OF RESIDENTS IN THE DARLING DOWNS & SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF MAYORS

**THE PUBLIC ARE VERY INTOLERANT OF ILLEGAL DUMPING AND FIND IT COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE**

## UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOURS

**95%**

Leaving household waste in a bushland or national park

(QLD average 98%)

**97%**

Leaving tyres, chemicals or paint tins in bushland or national park

(QLD average 98%)

**96%**

Leaving household goods in bushland or national park

(QLD average 97%)

## ILLEGAL DUMPING PROFILE OF RESIDENTS

**2%**

**DELIBERATE DUMPER**

(QLD average 2%)

**1%**

**KERBSIDE DUMPER**

(QLD average 4%)

**97%**

**NON DUMPER**

(QLD average 94%)

**CONCERN ABOUT BEING FINED IS NOW ONE OF THE MAIN MOTIVATIONS FOR NOT DUMPING ITEMS ILLEGALLY**

## MOTIVATIONS FOR NOT DUMPING ILLEGALLY

**85%**

Someone else would have to pick it up

(QLD average 84%)

**86%**

Because it would look ugly

(QLD average 83%)

**80%**

Worried about being fined

(QLD average 71%)

**DESPITE AN INCREASE IN CONCERN ABOUT FINES,**

**HALF BELIEVE THAT BEING CAUGHT AND FINED FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING IS UNLIKELY**

**WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT IS ILLEGAL, AREAS OF CONFUSION INCLUDE:**



Leaving items outside a charity shop or donation bin



Leaving items on the kerbside with a 'free' sign



Leaving items on the kerbside, outside of pickup times



Leaving green waste in a bushland or national park

**97%**

Are likely to report illegal dumping if they witness it in the future

(QLD average 96%)

**BUT ONLY CERTAIN TYPES**

## MOST LIKELY TO REPORT

**79%**

Leaving tyres, chemicals or and paint tins in a park  
(QLD average 78%)

**76%**

Leaving goods in bushland or national park  
(QLD average 56%)

## LEAST LIKELY TO REPORT

**25%**

Leaving goods outside a charity shop or donation bins  
(QLD average 22%)

**34%**

Leaving green waste in bushland or national park  
(QLD average 36%)