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## Taking Action on Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping across the Warrumbungle Shire local government area remains a problem and Council is asking the community to help put a stop to it.

“With an increase in the number of illegally dumped waste throughout the Shire, Council is reminding people to use the [RID Online](#) reporting tool which is an initiative of the NSW Environment and Protection Authority (EPA) to target illegal dumping,” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor Ambrose Doolan. “Research shows that most people know illegal dumping is wrong, however, most people don’t think they will get caught.”

“RID Online is an illegal dumping reporting tool that aims to clean up our communities and will allow Council’s Compliance Officers to identify more illegal dumping hotspot areas with the help from the community, and take further action against persons found to be dumping rubbish.”

Council already regularly patrols identified hotspot areas for illegal dumping but through this reporting tool community members can also identify hotspots by entering identified areas and incidents into the EPA’s database, allowing Council’s Compliance Officers to add these areas to their regular patrols.

“Council is encouraging the community to get on board and ‘dob in a dumper’ to help out with reporting these issues,” said Cr Doolan.

To get involved, anyone with a smart device or camera can help clean up the community by taking a photo of the dumped waste and uploading the image to [ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au](http://ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au). You can do this while at the area of the dumped waste so that the GPS location will automatically upload, or if you are off-site you can enter the incident address.

“We already know that there are dumping hotspots in the LGA but more data will help add to the bigger picture of problem areas. So as part of this initiative, let’s work together to put a stop to illegal dumping,” Cr Doolan concluded.

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