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## **Councils to receive funds to fight illegal dumping**

The Palaszczuk Government is providing \$262,890 in funding Rockhampton Regional Council and Livingstone Shire Council to help crack down on illegal dumping.

Member for Rockhampton, Barry O'Rourke said illegal dumping had a serious impact on the local community.

"It's great to see this much-needed funding coming to our local councils.

"The funding includes \$164,894 that will help Rockhampton Shire Council to employ a new illegal dumping officer, hold target programs, boost intelligence and enhance reporting on illegal dumping activities.

"Nobody wants to see rubbish dumped illegal in our beautiful environment and this grant will help to prevent that from happening," he said.

Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister, Brittany Lauga said the Palaszczuk Government is also providing \$1.3 million in funding to 32 councils across Queensland through a dumping hotspot program, to support regional programs that tackle illegal dumping at a local level.

"That includes an additional \$97,996 to Rockhampton Regional Council and Livingstone Shire Council to help support programs that will target illegal dumping hotspots through community engagement," she said.

Minister for Environment, Leeanne Enoch said the Palaszczuk Government is providing a total \$5 million across Queensland to help councils combat illegal dumping.

"Illegal dumping costs Queensland communities millions of dollars each year, and this funding will help at a local level, to ensure a clean and safe community, while protecting the environment.

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“Thanks to the success of this pilot, we are now expanding the program across Queensland, with more than \$3.6 million going to 29 Queensland councils to fund a total 31 new dedicated illegal dumping field officer positions.

“The Palaszczuk Government is currently fighting a war on waste, and we are ensuring that councils have the support they need to tackle this issue, to protect the environment and create local jobs,” she said.

For more information, visit: <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/pollution/management/waste/litter-illegal-dumping>

Councils in the Rockhampton region receiving funding include:

- Rockhampton Regional Council is receiving \$164,894 to employ a new full-time officer to tackle illegal dumping and install new signs and cameras.
- Rockhampton Regional Council is also receiving \$54,024 to target illegal dumping hotspots by conducting community engagement and awareness raising, installing signage and conducting increased surveillance and compliance activities.
- Livingstone Shire Council is receiving \$43,972 to target illegal dumping hotspots by conducting community engagement and awareness raising, installing signage, physical barriers and conducting increased surveillance and compliance activities.

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