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MULTI MILLION DOLLAR ASBESTOS DUMPING FINES

Asbestos dumpers now face multi-million dollar fines under new laws passed by the NSW Government.

“The illegal disposal of asbestos becomes a serious standalone offence incurring significant penalties,” NSW Environment Minister Gabrielle Upton said.

“Previously, the maximum penalties for asbestos waste offences were \$44,000 for corporations and \$22,000 for individuals. These are now \$2 million for corporations and \$500,000 for individuals who illegally dispose, recycle or re-use asbestos waste.

“In addition, the maximum court penalties for land pollution and waste offences involving asbestos have been doubled to \$2 million for corporations and \$500,000 for individuals.

“Directors and managers can also be held liable for offences committed by their companies under these new laws.

“Illegally dumping asbestos is a serious crime, and we want dumpers to know there are tough penalties for those that flagrantly break the law,” Ms Upton said.

“The new laws also require the courts to consider the presence of asbestos when determining the magnitude of the penalty.

“The massive fine hike comes on top recently announced tougher asbestos handling controls for waste facilities and a tenfold increase in on-the-spot asbestos fines for illegally transporting or disposing of asbestos waste,” Ms Upton said.

For more information, visit the EPA website [here](#).

If you witness suspected illegal dumping or find illegally dumped waste, report it to the EPA’s Environment Line on 131 555.

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