

Environment Information

Classification and Disposal of Waste

Disposal of all waste materials, including construction and demolition waste and liquid waste must be transported to a facility that can lawfully accept it

Background

Under NSW *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) both the owner of the waste and the transporter are legally responsible for ensuring waste is transported to a place that can lawfully accept it.

Activities and operations of tenants at Bankstown and Camden Airports may generate waste materials. These materials must be managed, transported and disposed in accordance with NSW requirements.

Additionally, significant quantities of waste material may be generated during construction or demolition activities.

Significant penalties apply to offences relating to incorrect transport and disposal of waste. The NSW EPA advise that

Relying on advice from others, such as consultants, contractors or managers of waste facilities, is no defence for transporting waste to a place that cannot lawfully be used as a waste facility

Waste Classification

Waste generated from your activities must be classified in accordance with the NSW EPA Waste Classification Guidelines (2014) - Part 1: classifying waste and Addendums to the guideline prior the waste being removed from your site for disposal at an appropriately EPA licensed facility.

NSW EPA Waste Classification Guidelines (2014) - Part 1: classifying waste and addendums can be downloaded via the link <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/waste/classifying-waste>

What is construction and demolition waste?

All waste that may be generated as part of construction and demolition activities.

These activities can produce a wide range of different waste materials. This waste is not just rubbish and unwanted material, but may also include:

- excavated material such as rock and soil
- waste asphalt, bricks, concrete, plasterboard, timber and vegetation
- asbestos and contaminated soil.



Due Diligence

All owners of waste should ensure that they take reasonable precautions and exercised due diligence to prevent an offence.

Before transporting or disposing of waste you should ensure the following:

- Know the type of waste that has been generated;
- If the transport or disposal quote is low check the company is not avoiding costs by transporting to a place that cannot accept the waste
- Check the environment protection licence (EPL) for the waste facility to make sure it can lawfully accept the waste (<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/prpoeoapp/>)
- Prepare and implement a waste management plan that includes
 - Details of waste generated
 - Proposed management actions
 - Procedures to ensure lawful transportation and disposal
 - Description of waste management roles and responsibilities
- Keep accurate records including
 - Who transported the waste (company name, ABN, vehicle registration and driver details including date, time of transport and description of waste)
 - Copy of waste receipts from the waste facility (date and time of delivery, name and address of facility, ABN and details of contact person).

Approval from SMA

Prior to disposal of construction and demolition waste, a copy of the Waste Management Plan including outcomes of the due diligence process should be provided to the SMA Environment Manager for approval PRIOR to transport and disposal.

Further Information

- NSW EPA Website - <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/waste/waste-overview>
- Contact the Sydney Metro Airports Environment Manager on 0429 484 653

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