Littering and illegal dumping not only make our city and natural areas look dirty and uncared for it can have significant health, safety, financial and environmental impacts.

**ILLEGAL DUMPING**

It is an offence to dump or dispose of waste on public land, or on private land without the consent of the owner.

This includes:
- Nature strips
- Road reserves
- Suburban parks
- Dog exercise areas
- Parklands
- Creek banks
- Beaches
- Private land

Even garden waste that is dumped in these areas can create problems, such as:
- Reducing the amenity of the neighbourhood
- Blocking stormwater drains and increasing flood risk
- Attracting rats and snakes
- Breeding mosquitos
- Significant clean-up costs

**WHAT WE DO**

If we can identify the person responsible for illegal dumping, we can:
- Issue a show cause notice
- Issue a compliance notice

**PENALTY**

We can issue fines between $2,018 and $2,523 for the offence. These penalties can increase significantly if the matter is taken to court.

**SEE IT – REPORT IT – STOP IT**

Please contact us on 1300 69 22 47 or via council@cairns.qld.gov.au if you have questions or wish to report illegal dumping. The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) has introduced online reporting of littering from a vehicle and illegal dumping. Information provided will be used by the department to issue fines. The witness or reporter must provide correct and detailed information and be willing to testify in court. You can find more information on the online service at http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au (search for illegal dumping).