

Keep waterways, easements & drains clear

Illegal dumping costs millions of dollars in property damage across the region. Cairns Regional Council would like to remind residents that dumping green waste and household rubbish in local waterways, easements and drains is increasing the risk of flooding to their properties and those of their neighbours.

Council receives many calls from concerned residents every year regarding dumped vegetation in waterways, or blocked easements and drains caused by fences or stored materials.

Property owners and those people responsible for maintaining easements and drains, must not cause any obstructions to stormwater flowing in Council easement drains. This is particularly important where trees and vegetation have been planted. Of particular concern is where drains meet side property boundaries. In many cases side fences constructed across the easement allow rubbish and vegetation to accumulate and block the flow of stormwater.

Property owners should be aware that they may be held liable for damage caused by an illegal obstruction in an easement or drain.

Council encourages residents to report anyone illegally dumping waste into waterways, easements or drains so appropriate action can be taken.

Failure to comply may result in infringement notices being issued.

Please contact Cairns Regional Council on **1300 69 22 47** or email **imenquiries@cairns.qld.gov.au** if you require further information or would like to lodge a report.

Council looks forward to working with you to ensure your property is not at risk of damage from flooding caused by illegal dumping of waste in waterways, easements or drains.

