

# Media Response

24 April 2025

**Please attribute the following response to Greater Dandenong City Council  
Executive Director City Futures, Sanjay Manivasagasivam:**

Illegal rubbish dumping is a significant problem in the City of Greater Dandenong, including at several of our lovely reserves. It is a problem faced by many municipalities across Victoria. The cost to remove illegally dumped rubbish is very high and these funds would be better spent on programs and facilities to serve our community.

Unfortunately, there does appear to have been increase in recent years and we have a few hot spots.

We are closely monitoring these hot spots and we have installed and mobile CCTV cameras to deter and detect illegal dumping. We have also increased regular waste management collections and patrols in certain areas, warning signage, education programs and more.

We also ask for community help, so if residents see people dumping rubbish, we ask them to take note of vehicle registrations and other details, and pass them on by phone or by lodging a report through the Snap Send Solve app.

In the past 12 months, we've issued 29 litter infringements based on CCTV footage, and around 400 litter infringements in total. In 2024, we pursued three matters from CCTV footage from Dandenong South through the Magistrates Court. In each matter, the defendant was fined at least \$7,000 and ordered to pay costs.

There are lots of ways to dispose of waste correctly. We provide a free hard rubbish collection once a year, that residents can book through our website or by calling us. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this service to ensure proper disposal of bulky items.

We also provide four Drop Off Days per year, where people can bring their items down and they will be recycled, re-homed or re-used as much as possible.

We welcome people to call us if they have questions about how to responsibly deal with their waste or unwanted items. Please call us on 8571 1000.

To find out more about reporting illegal dumping in the City of Greater Dandenong people can visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/illegal-dumping](https://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/illegal-dumping)

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# Media Enquiry

April 4 2025

## From The Dandenong Journal

I am writing a story on the surge of illegal dumping in Dandenong.

Could I please have a response on the following:

- What operations does the council have in place to stop/prevent illegal dumping in Dandenong?
- How much does it cost to manage the waste? How significantly is it affecting the council budget?
- There are concerns that the penalties for illegal dumping are not severe enough. What are the current penalties and do you believe that they are severe enough?
- What do you believe is causing the increase in illegal dumping?
- Are there any solutions in the works to address the root of this issue?
- Are there any particular areas or suburbs where illegal dumping is more common?
- How quickly does the council respond to reports of illegal dumping?
- What role does state or federal government funding play in addressing illegal dumping? Is more support needed?