



# Bushfire Dumping Program

Managing the clean-up and disposal of bushfire waste

## Program description

Up to \$5 million will be available to scope, clean up and dispose of illegally dumped bushfire-generated waste and waste dumped on public land.

The program will also financially support public land managers to implement preventative and deterrence measures to reduce future dumping.

## Eligibility

NSW public land managers (including local councils, Crown Lands, National Parks and Wildlife Service, and Forestry Corporation) can apply for funding under this program if they:

- have been impacted by the effects of illegal bushfire dumping (defined below)
- manage a bushfire affected area (as declared by the Office of Emergency Management)
- are primarily responsible for managing the costs claimed in the application (the clean-up)

## Bushfire dumping includes:

- bushfire-related waste illegally dumped on public land
- historic illegal dumps uncovered by the 2019-20 bushfires
- new illegal dumps on bushfire affected areas, due to improved access to tracks and trails after the 2019-20 bushfires.



## Program details

The program will be administered in two phases and will provide funding to public land managers to effectively deal with the full extent of dumped bushfire waste in their region.

### Phase 1: Data Collection Initiative (Closed)

Eligible applicants have been provided with a designated consultant to scope and document the extent of bushfire dumping in their region. This will help them to submit an informed application in the following phase.

## Phase 2: Funding for clean-up, disposal and prevention

Applicants will be provided funds to clean up and dispose of dumped bushfire waste (including asbestos) and to implement dumping prevention measures. If funding permits, two rounds of funding will be opened.

Each application must include:

- specific clean-up proposals, including photographic evidence of the dump(s) with defined location(s)
- estimates of the amount and type of waste, clean-up costs breakdowns, details of contractors
- proposed preventative measures and their intended outcomes.

Where a proposal is for recently dumped waste, the applicant must show that reasonable attempts to identify the responsible party were made. This is not necessary if the dumpsite is an historic one uncovered by the bushfires.

Applications will be subject to independent assessment by a technical review committee.

Successful applicants will be required to report against milestones, including the initial clean-up of dumped waste, and progress on the implementation of deterrence measures. Payments of grant funding will be staged.

## How to apply

You can apply for the Bushfire Recovery Program at <https://epa.smartygrants.com.au/>.

## Timeline

### Phase 1 (Closed)

### Phase 2

Round 1: Closes Monday 30 June 2021

Round 2: TBA

## Key Contacts

Please find all details at: <https://epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/bushfire-recovery-programs/bushfire-dumping-program>.

For more information, call 131 555 or email [bushfirerecovery.programs@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bushfirerecovery.programs@epa.nsw.gov.au)

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### Photo

Illegal dumping on a bushfire affected area; Photo: Tim Johnson/DPIE

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