

Reporting unlawful behaviour in the waste tyre industry

Important:

Reporting unlawful behaviour helps keep the tyre industry clean and sustainable. Please report any illegal activities immediately to the proper authorities to maintain compliance with regulations.

If you suspect unlawful activity in the waste tyre sector, here's what to do:

Identify the issue:

- Recognise signs of illegal activities such as improper disposal, illegal stockpiling, or unauthorised export of tyres.

Gather evidence:

- Take clear notes or photos to support your concerns.

Contact the appropriate regulator:

NSW: Environment Protection Authority (EPA) NSW
Phone: 131 555

VIC: Environment Protection Authority (EPA) VIC
Phone: 1300 372 842

QLD: Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation's (DETSI) QLD
Phone: 1300 130 372

SA: Environment Protection Authority (EPA) SA
Phone: 08 8204 2004

WA: Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) WA
Phone: 1800 100 900

NT: Environment Protection Authority (EPA) NT
Phone: 08 8924 4111

ACT: Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) ACT
Phone: 02 6207 1923

TAS: Environment Protection Authority (EPA) TAS
Phone: 1300 138 836

Share with TSA:

- Email: getonboard@tyrestewardship.org.au
Phone: (03) 9977 7820

Export concerns:

- If unlawful exports are suspected, contact:
Australian Border Force (ABF): Phone: 131 881
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry:
Phone: 136 186, 1800 900 090

Understanding TSA's Role in Supporting Legal Compliance and Reporting

Tyre Stewardship Australia (TSA) is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity and transparency within the Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme (TPSS). While TSA is not a regulatory body and does not possess the authority to investigate or prosecute unlawful behaviour, we play a vital role in fostering a sustainable and compliant waste tyre management industry.

We actively encourage all accredited participants to report any suspected illegal activities directly to the relevant state or territory environmental regulators, who have the legal mandate and resources to conduct investigations and enforce laws. In addition, we request that participants provide TSA with information about suspected wrongdoings to ensure that we are informed and can take appropriate actions within our remit.

Should an accredited participant be formally charged by a regulator concerning unlawful conduct, TSA treats such matters with the utmost seriousness. Such actions are considered breaches of the Scheme's commitments, which all accredited participants are expected to uphold. In these instances, TSA will conduct a thorough review to assess the situation and determine appropriate actions, which may include suspension or revocation of accreditation, depending on the severity of the charges and the potential risk to the integrity of the tyre stewardship program.

We value the active participation of all stakeholders in maintaining the credibility and success of the Scheme. By collaborating with regulatory authorities and ensuring that our participants are aware of the appropriate contacts for reporting unlawful behaviour, we reinforce our collective commitment to ethical practices and the responsible management of end-of-life tyres.