

Council order sign removal

The owner of the land upon which the controversial sign that protests against the proposed dump site has received a letter from Armidale-Dumaresq Council demanding that he move the sign.

Council are arguing that the sign contravenes the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and that the sign is not in keeping with the surrounding landscape.

The owner of the land, which lies adjacent to the site of the proposed dump, said he believed the Council was engaging in spoiling tactics.

"I feel that I have provided a public service in alerting the community to the location of the site, which I don't believe has been very specifically identified by the Council.

"Not long ago the Council removed plastic bags that were stuck to my fence posts to raise consciousness of the environmental issues and I'm not altogether sure they had a legal right to do that," said Mr Quaife.

"Council has on numerous occasions let the community know that the Landfill issue has and will remain an "open, honest and transparent process.

"I find it disgusting but not unexpected that Council would continue to try and suppress highlighting the location of the dump site.

"It is also hypocritical that a sign must be removed for not blending in with the landscape yet Council proposes to construct a dump there.

"I would have thought it as a issue of public interest that the site be highlighted to reveal its proximity to the World Heritage Oxley Wild Rivers National Park, Gara River and Waterfall Way tourist drive.

"And I also would have expected Council to be proud of the site they had chosen as the best site in the region and happy for its location to be highlighted as opposed to the "bullying" tactics now being employed to suppress public information on the issue."