

Media Release

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ACTION ON THE STAWELL TYRE STOCKPILE

Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad has applauded the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) action in beginning to remove the stockpile of waste tyres near Stawell, Victoria. Advocating since he came into office for something to be done at the dangerous site Mr Broad said the site is an extreme health and environmental hazard, and has been for many years.

"I am pleased that the removal process has begun at the Stawell tyre stockpile, I want Stawell to be a vibrant community with employment opportunities, and I want it to be safe," he said.

"I recently met with the Minister for the Environment and Energy The Honourable Josh Frydenberg and informed him of both mine and the general communities concerns about this stockpile and he was shocked to learn just how dangerous the situation is."

Recently the EPA used their powers under Section 62 of the Environmental Protection Act 1970 to conduct a clean-up. This will involve trucks loaded with tyres leaving the site six days a week and travelling to Melbourne where the tyres will be shredded.

Mr Broad says while the exact number of tyres at the site is unknown the removal process will be lengthy, and he's calling for the local community to avoid the site.

"Although clean-up is under way there are numerous safety and health hazards still in place at the stockpile site and I urge the community to stay away and let the EPA remove the tyres safely," he said.

"I know this has been a big issue for the Stawell community for a long time so I am very pleased to see the Stawell tyre stockpile in the safe hands of the EPA."

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