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Dumped cars a cause for concern

The Commissioner of the Huon Valley Council has called for community help in addressing the issue of dumped cars in the Valley.

Commissioner Adriana Taylor says it's an unfortunate fact that cars are dumped in remote locations.

"We all know of various instances where cars have been dumped and abandoned or burnt out. These car bodies pose a risk for others using the area, and they have a detrimental impact on our local shared environment.

"Council staff work with TasPolice and other State authorities when dumped cars are located but in many cases the Council is powerless to act. The latest case is of two cars dumped near the Weld River which has the potential to cause further damage to the river. One of the cars is submerged. It will cost thousands of dollars to remove, requiring a crane and a diver.

"I urge all residents, if you see cars being driven in an unsafe manner in remote areas to contact the local police. It is unfair to require local residents to pay for the cost of removing the cars, which is essentially what is happening if council has to divert time and resources to make an area safe.

"This type of behavior affects us all and the quality of our environment. If Police are alerted in time, they may be able to stop instances occurring," Commissioner Taylor said.

For more information

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