

# Asbestos waste in NSW – regulatory and management initiatives update

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# Context

- **Asbestos in significant proportion of built environment**
- **Asbestos waste – continues to be mismanaged by some people**
- **Currently high profile issue with community, media and Government**
- **Recent Ombudsman and ICAC reports**

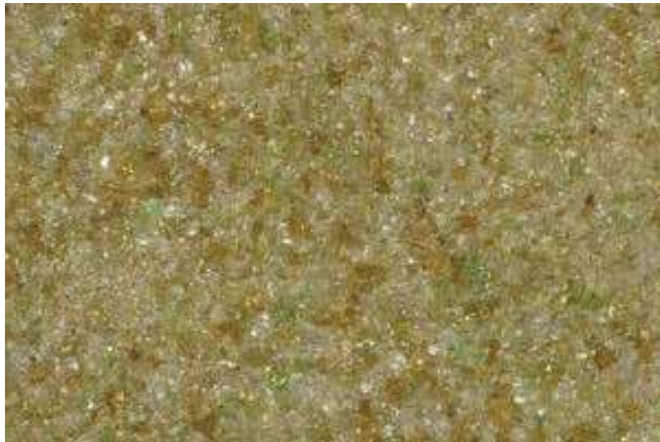




# So, what is the problem?



# Improper disposal



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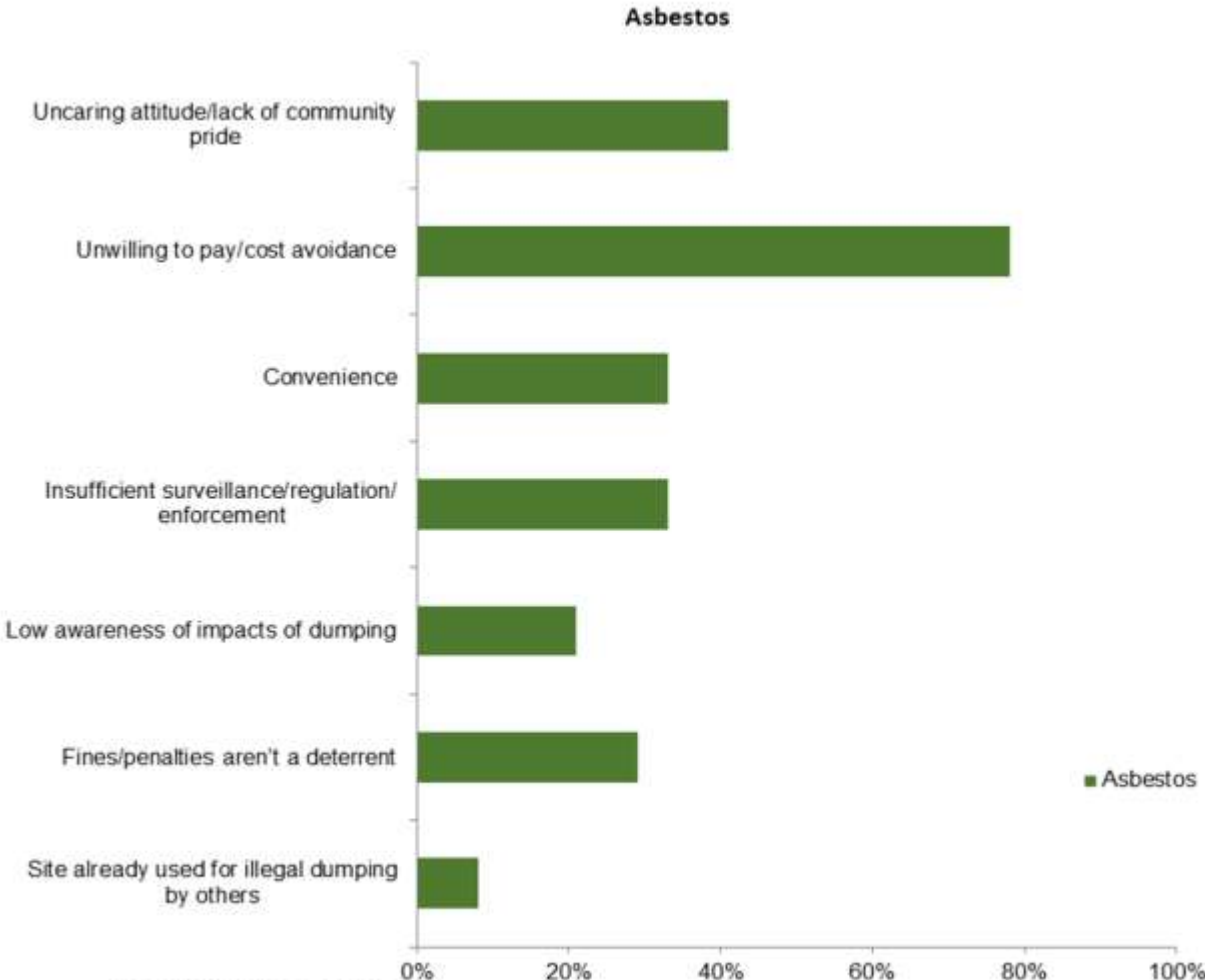




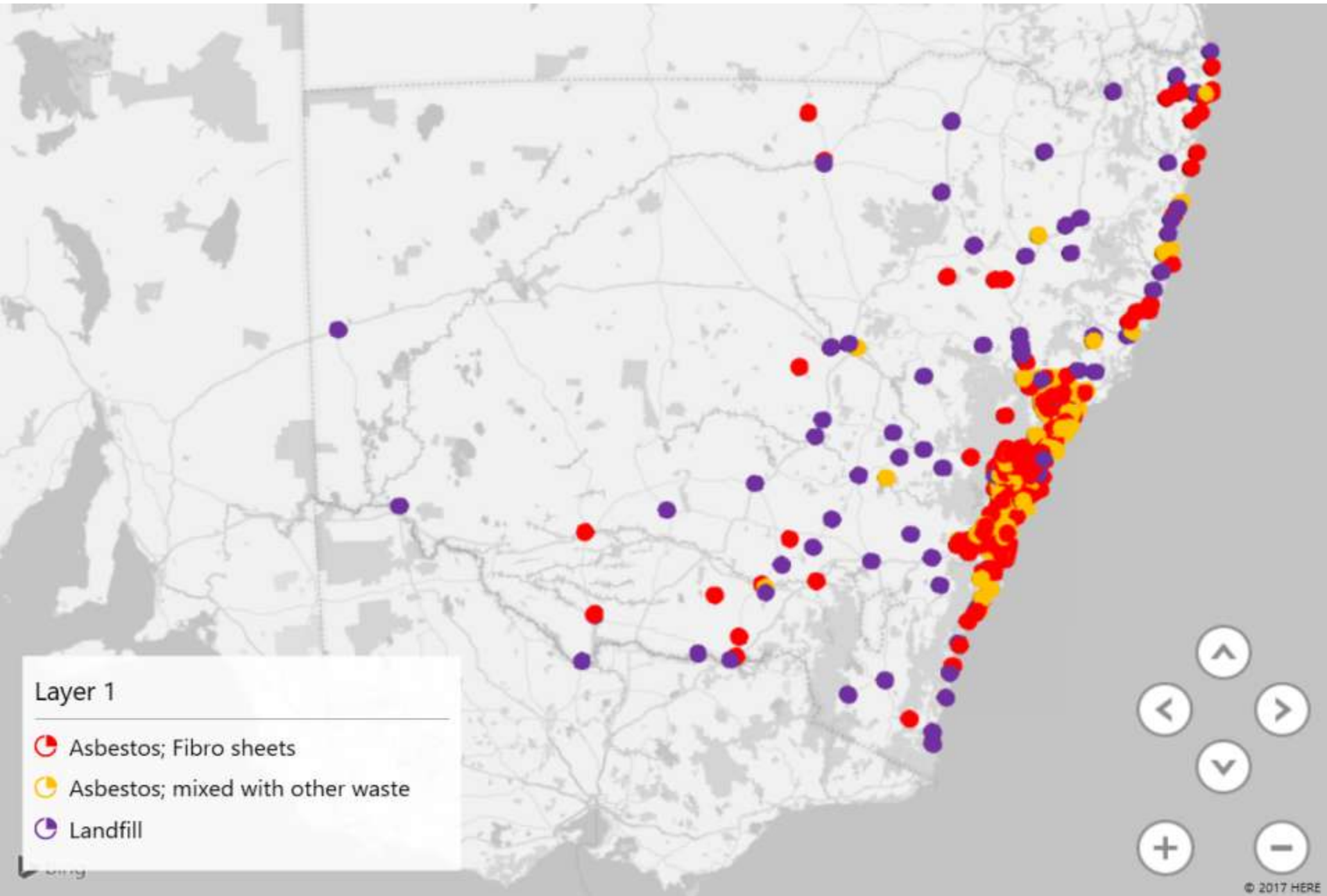
# Illegal dumping



# Getting to 'why'



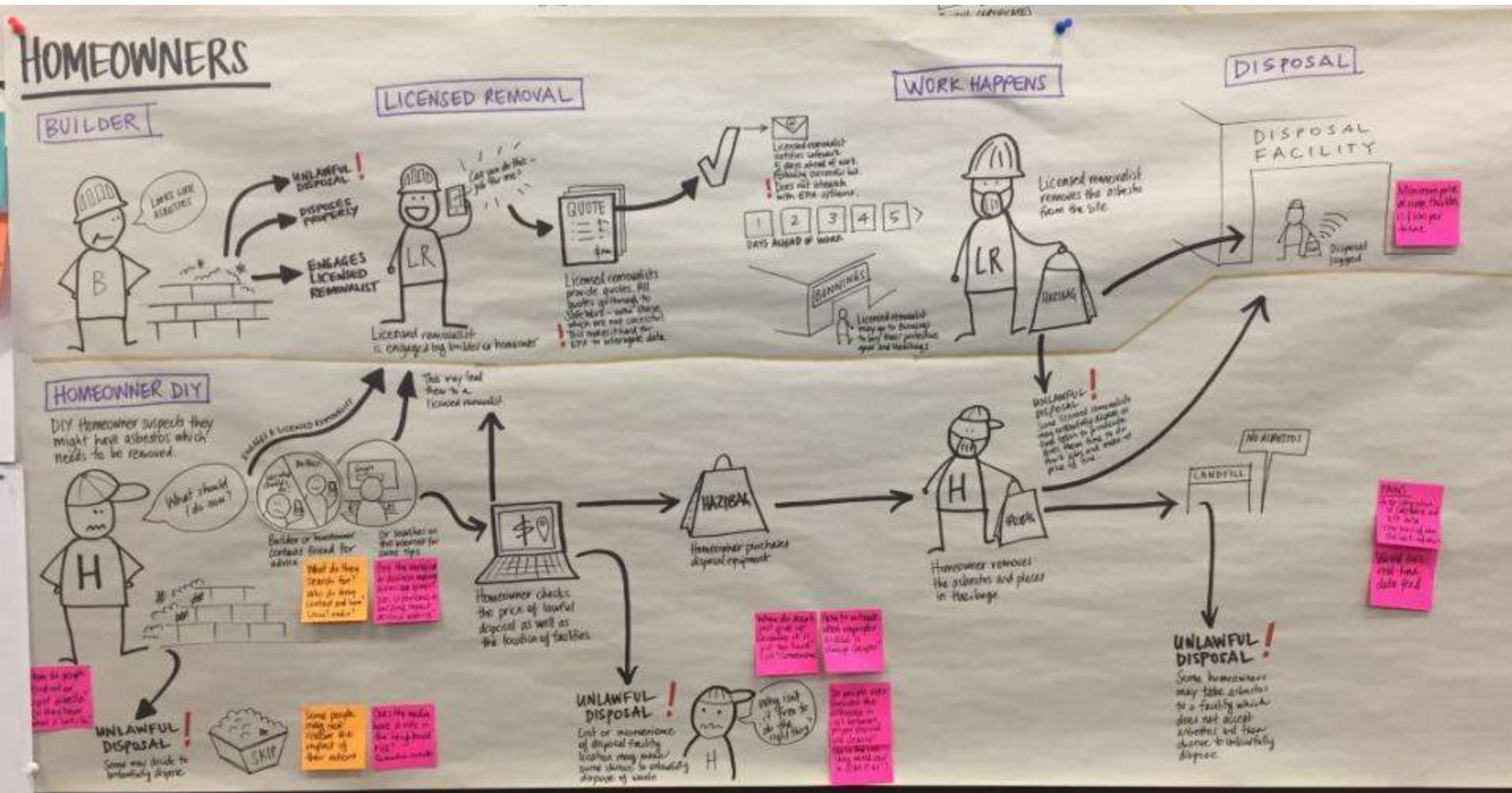
Base: n=63, all respondents  
 Q10 For each waste type, why do you think it is dumped illegally in you council area?

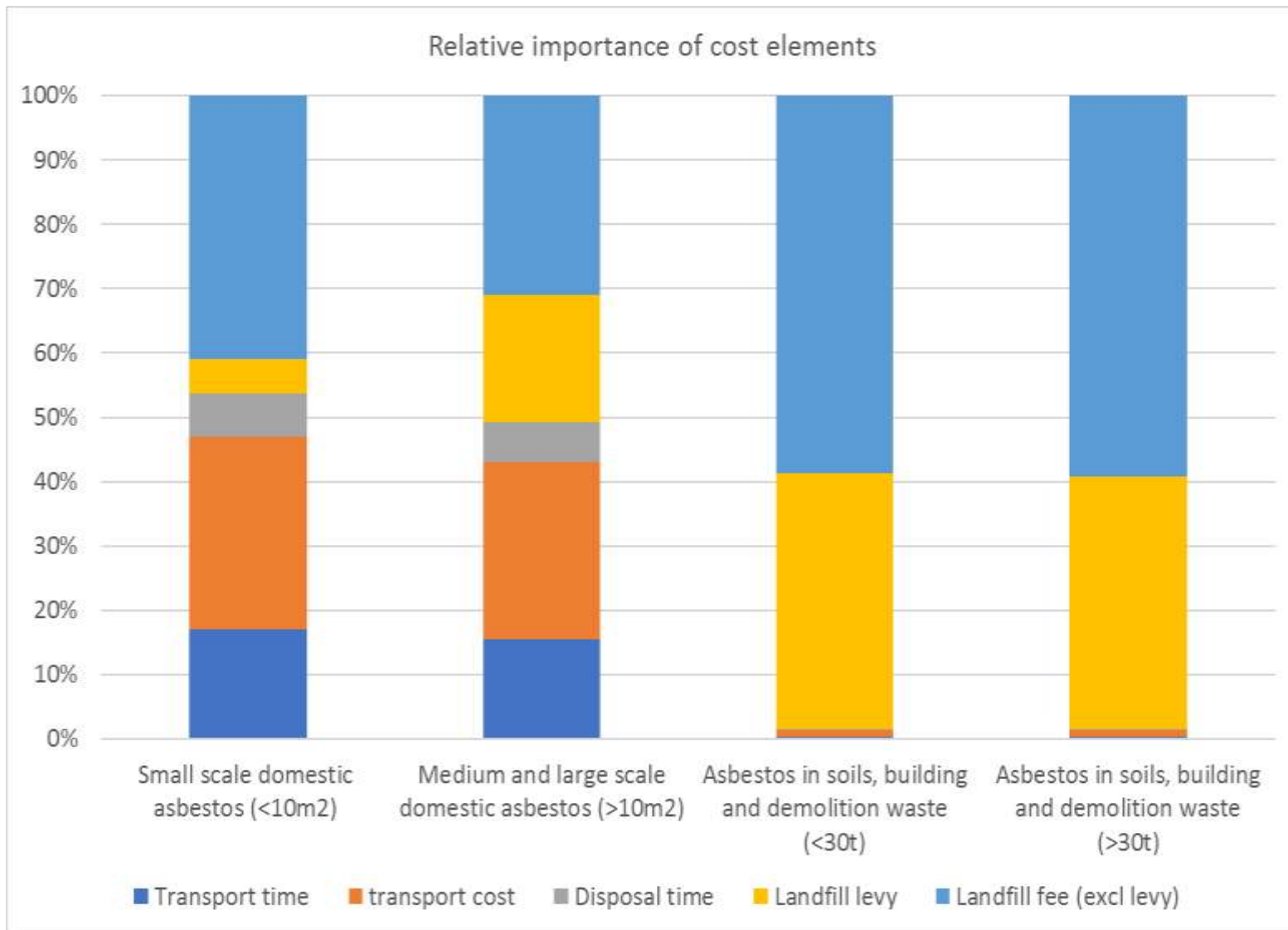




## **Breaking it down further**

- **Different players have different motivations / drivers**
- **Focus on:**
  - **Householder or builder / handyman – small amount of separated ACM**
  - **Asbestos removal contractor – small to large amount of separated ACM**
  - **Demolition / excavation / waste contractor, driver, broker – small to large amount of soil or C&D waste with ACM**







# Homeowner / handyman

- Main drivers are cost and convenience
- Solutions being explored:
  - Community Recycling Centres (CRCs)
  - Pick up / drop off services by the private sector
  - Community education
  - Reduced disposal pricing



# Asbestos removal contractor

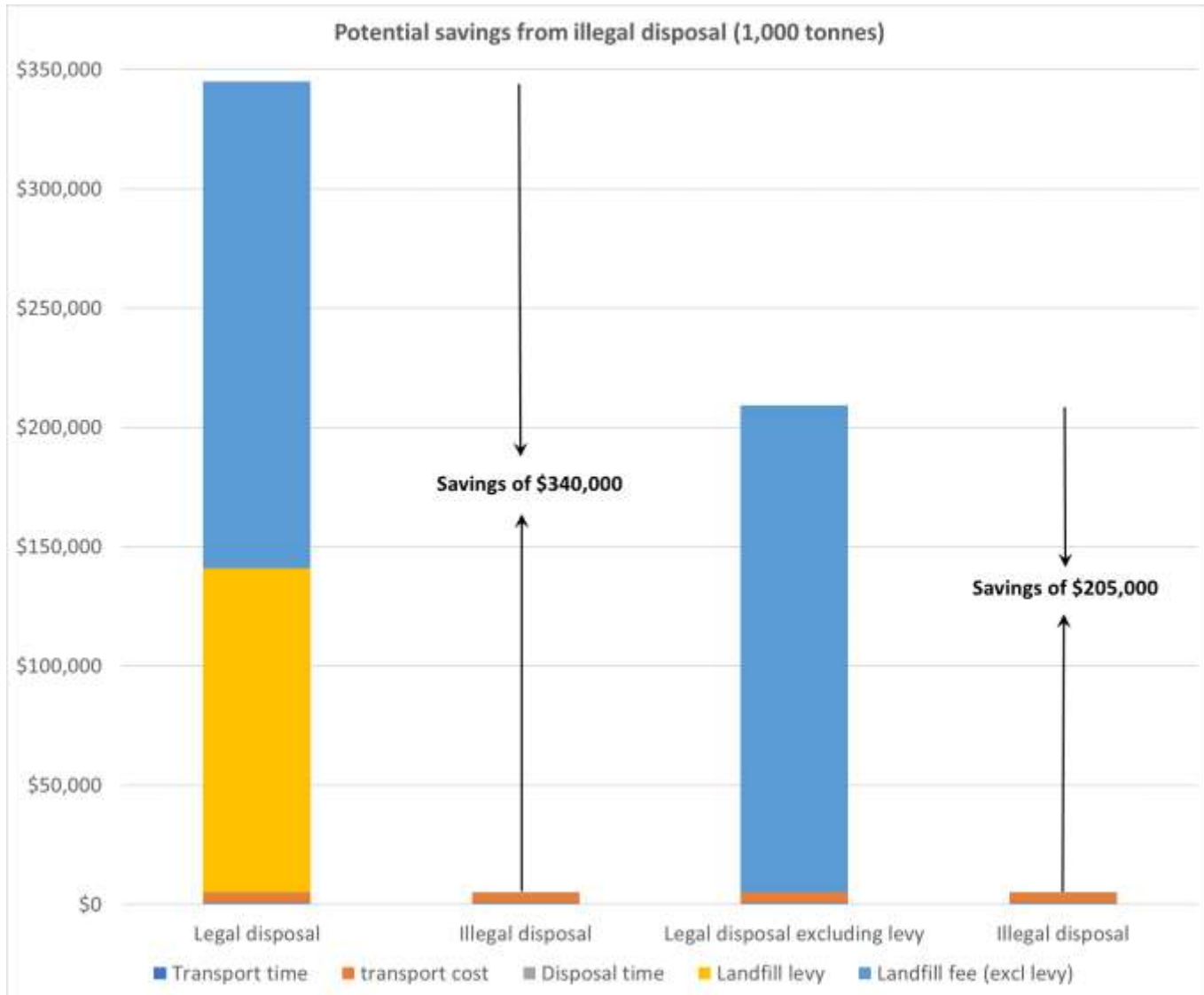
- **Drivers more toward profit-making and undercutting competitors, but also cost / convenience**
- **Solutions being explored:**
  - **Improved / consolidated reporting – better data**
  - **Checks and balances through DA conditions**
  - **Reduced disposal pricing**
  - **Pick up / drop off services by the private sector**
  - **Increase penalties**

## Mixed waste and soils

- **Drivers significantly toward avoiding costs, profit-making and under-cutting competitors**



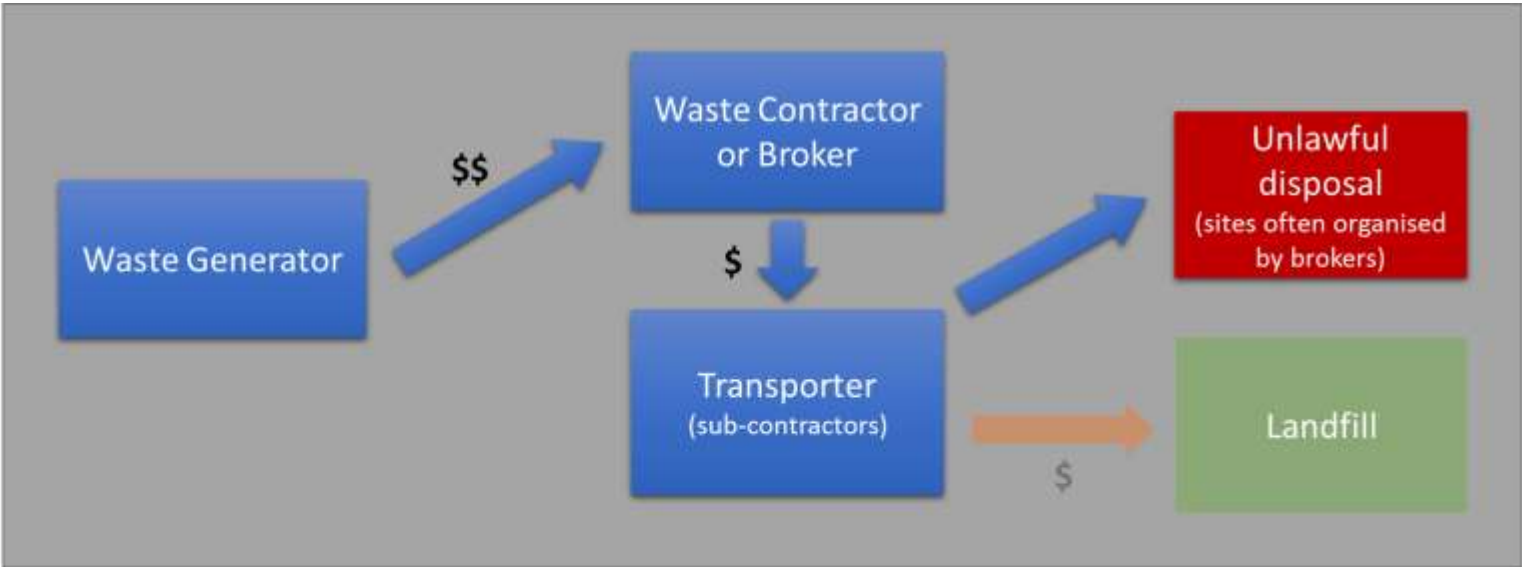




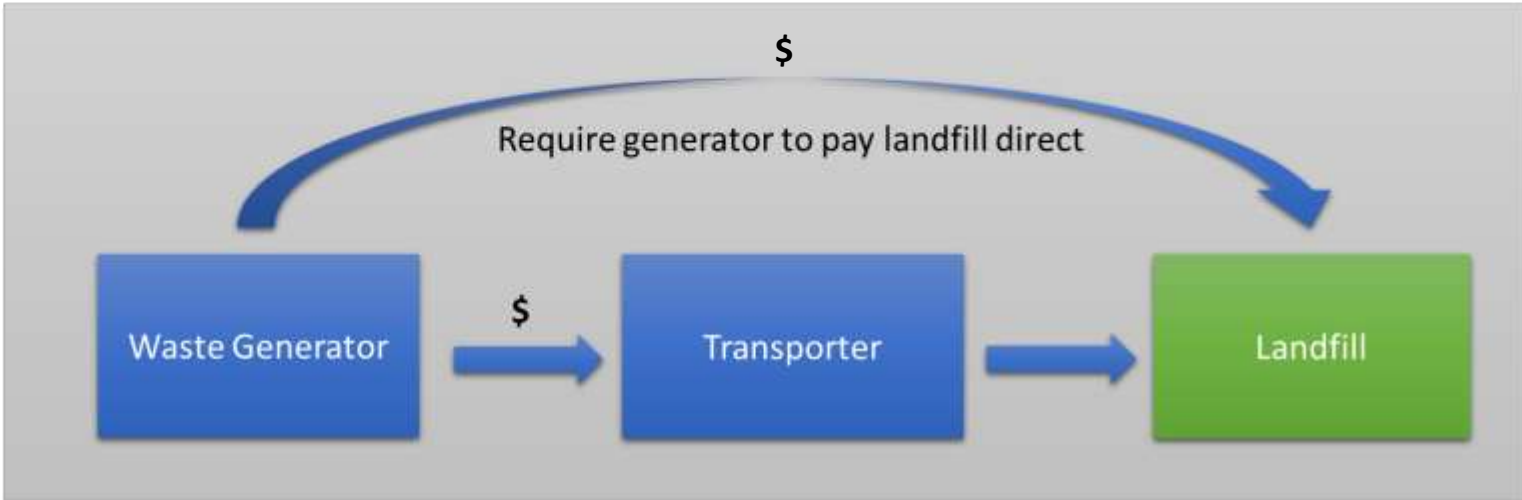
# Mixed waste and soils - solutions

- **Improved / consolidated reporting – better data**
- **Checks and balances through DA conditions**
- **Increase penalties**
- **Waste generator responsibilities (pay landfill direct, GPS tracking on trucks, audit)**
- **Education (Landowners etc accepting "fill")**
- **Waste Classification (VENM certification requirements)**

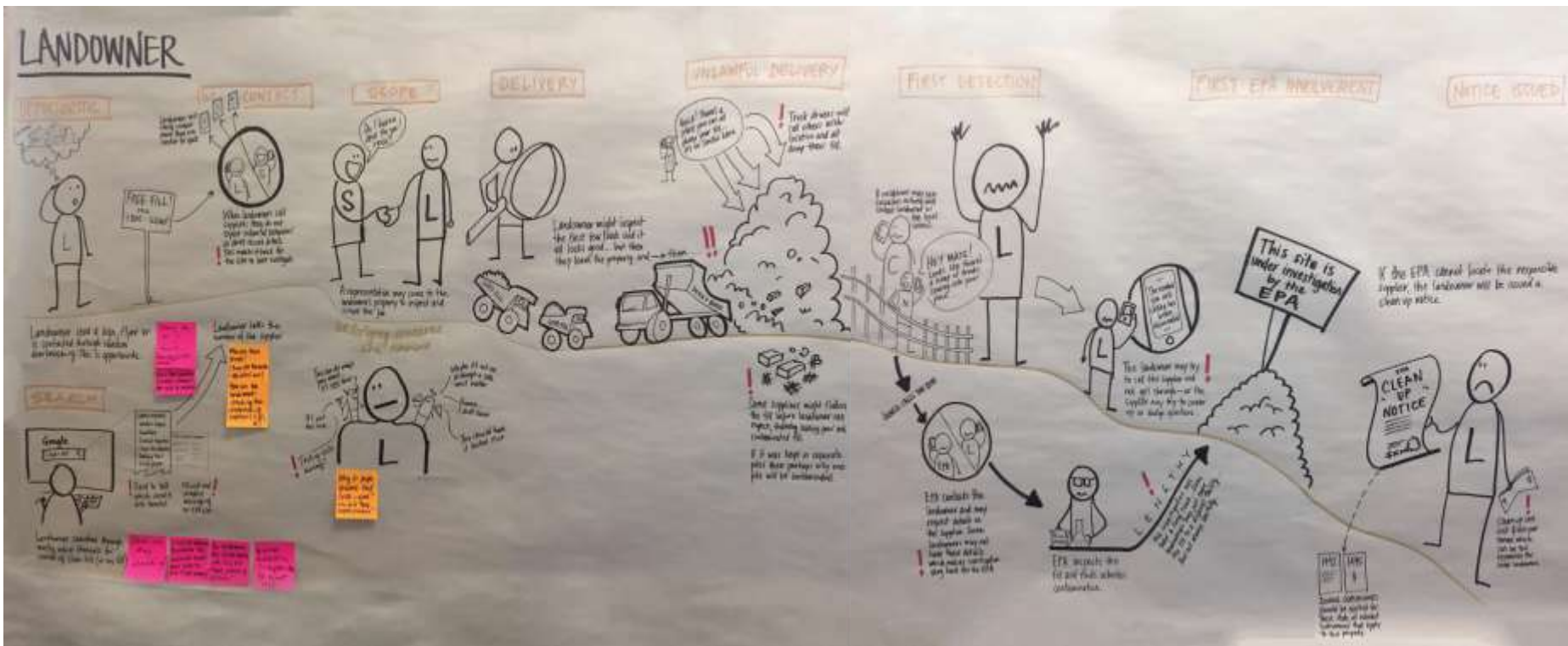
**Current state**  
 Waste generator pays contractor for transport and disposal



**Possible option**  
 Waste generator pays landfill directly for disposal and only pays transporter for transport







## **Next Steps**

- **Continue to refine and test initiatives – consult**
- **Linkages with Illegal Dumping Strategy**
- **Seek opportunities to push feasible options – eg responses to Ombudsman and ICAC**

**Thanks**

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