

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been in the tyre industry in Australia for nearly 10 years and do agree some regulations on tyre collectors are warranted however I think the EPA needs to be careful not to make the regulations so tough the smaller legitimate collectors exit the industry. Competition in the industry is what keeps it honest and the government needs to support businesses of all sizes.

Without smaller tyre collectors the one or two larger collectors will have a monopoly and raise collection prices. This will actually increase tyre dumping especially in country areas. Tyres generally are dumped on state land so this will then become a government problem largely caused by increased regulations on collectors.

In my opinion fire regulations for tyre collectors and illegal tyre dumping are not related. Legitimate tyre collectors are not the ones doing the dumping. Increasing fines for dumping and legally pursuing those people who fill a rental factory full of tyres and walk away would be more productive ways to stop dumping.

Regards

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