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Airs Monday 7 August at 8.30pm

Trashed: The dirty truth about your rubbish

"I'm speaking out and blowing the whistle." Industry Insider.

On Monday night **Four Corners** investigates the big business of rubbish and where it ends up.

"There'll be an uproar when communities or residents know." Waste company manager.

Taking out the bins is a weekly ritual but establishing what happens next is far from transparent.

"It's a licence to print money. The people in the street have got no idea. No idea at all." Community activist.

In interviews with insiders, reporter Caro Meldrum-Hanna exposes the hidden practices occurring in several areas of the waste industry.

The program reveals how the lucrative trade in our rubbish has attracted unscrupulous operators who are gaming the system and making a fortune in the process.

"The rogue element have continued to fly under the radar and the good part of the industry have had to pay the penalty for that." Industry insider.

Four Corners' cameras have captured eye-opening footage of the flourishing trade in our rubbish.

"We need to lift the lid on the waste industry and show people what is actually happening." Community activist.

Senior members of the industry say they're taking a big risk by speaking out but believe the need for reform is too great to remain silent.

Trashed, reported by Caro Meldrum-Hanna and presented by Sarah Ferguson, goes to air on Monday 7th August at 8.30pm on ABC and ABC iview. It is replayed on Tuesday 8th August at 10.00am and Wednesday 9th at 11pm. It can also be seen on ABC NEWS channel on Saturday at 8.00pm AEST, [ABC iview](#) and at abc.net.au/4corners.

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