



NEW SOUTH WALES

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Crabs stored in toilet brings name & shame list to 1,000

An Ashfield fish market fined for storing live crabs in a toilet cubicle is one of 24 businesses added to the Government's name and shame list today, Primary Industries Minister Ian Macdonald said.

"This is one of the most outrageous cases of food storage I have ever heard about, it is unhygienic and is just not fair on consumers who pay good money for their food," Mr Macdonald said.

"This brings the total number of fines to 1,000 on the Food Authority's name and shame website, which have occurred in 594 premises.

"The past 12 months has seen a number of disturbing breeches on the name and shame list including cockroaches, rats, a band-aid, a cigarette butt and now this case.

"This is exactly why the Government introduced this website and major new food safety laws last year - the public has a right to know this essential information which this website provides.

"Fined eateries appear on the website for 12 months and from this week we will see names starting to come off the list.

"The vast majority of food outlets are doing the right thing and putting the public's health first, but the message is clear to those who aren't following the rules: you need to clean up your act or you'll find yourself fined and shamed on the website."

The 45 new penalties that appear on the website this week include:

- A fish market in Liverpool Road, Ashfield received two fines worth \$660 for storing live crabs in a toilet cubicle;
- An eatery in Starkey Street, Forestville got three fines worth \$1,980 for having containers of raw foods encrusted with food waste, cockroach activity and an obstructed hand-wash basin;
- A Chinese restaurant in Belmore Road, Randwick copped three fines worth \$1,980 for having a dead rodent in its storage area, vermin activity and unclean premises;

- A noodle bar in Jacksons Road, Warriewood fined \$330 for being unclean. The sixth shop in the chain to receive a total of 11 fines;
- A Victoria Avenue, Chatswood restaurant got three fines worth \$990 for having dirty premises and preventing harbourage of cockroaches; and
- A restaurant in Princes Highway, Kogarah received three fines worth \$990 for evidence of pests in the premises, failing to store food correctly and misuse of hand-washing facilities.