

Closing the Loop

Using A.I to Detect Contamination in Recycling Bins

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A row of green recycling bins with yellow and red lids lined up on a grassy area next to a sidewalk. The bins are arranged in a perspective line, receding into the background. The foreground bin has a small green plant growing from its base. The background is slightly blurred, showing more bins and trees.

“Five years”

Where we were: Manual processes



Education

Manual process
High risk



Contamination

Ongoing issue
~30%



Outcome

Contract issues
Landfill

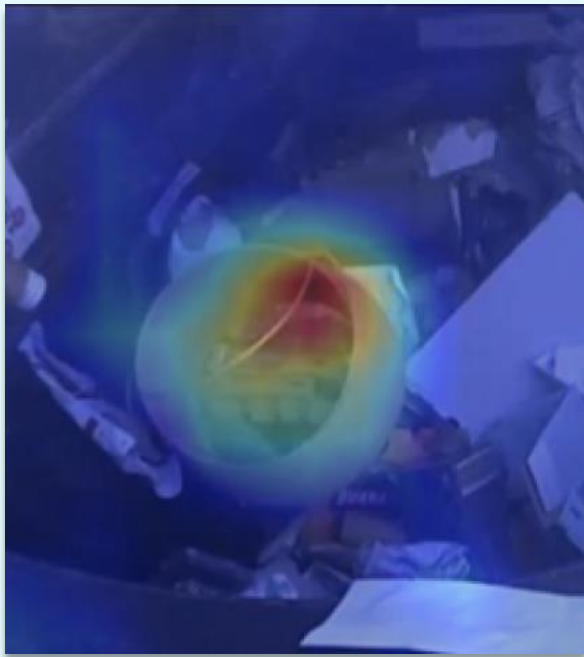
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Closing the Loop: Problem solved?

- GPS
- Cameras
- Driver reporting
- Lots of new data





Solving the problem: Artificial Intelligence

- Vendor built POC
- Amazon Web Services
- Not automated
- Proved concept



Progressing A.I: Building a new POC

- **Microsoft PowerApps**
- **A.I builder**
- **Built a new POC**
- **80%+ accuracy**

Microsoft



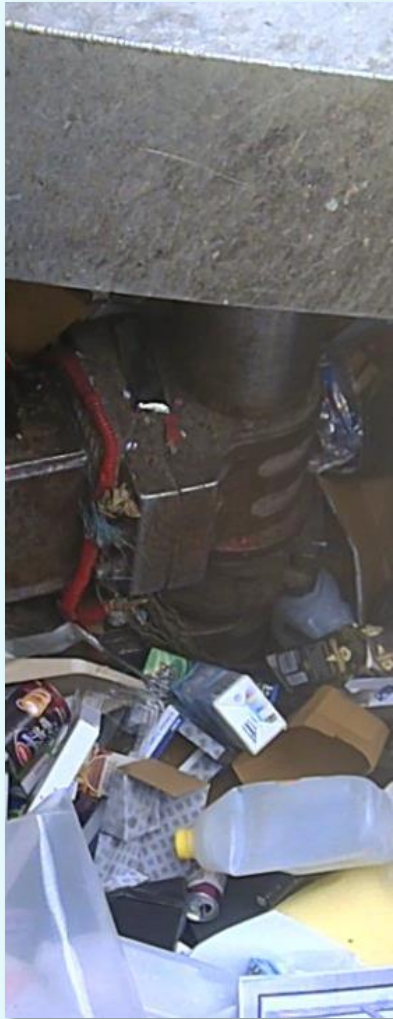
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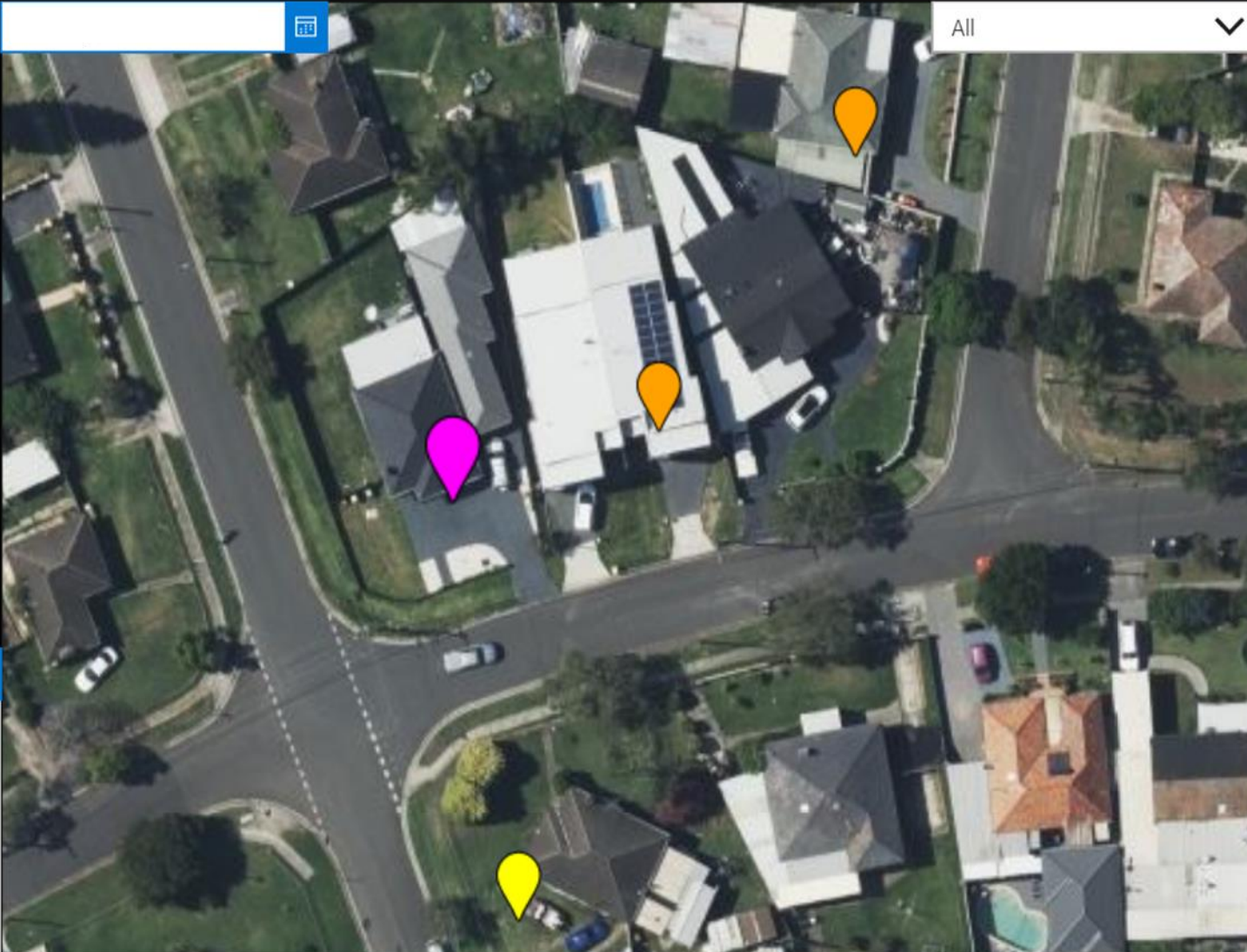
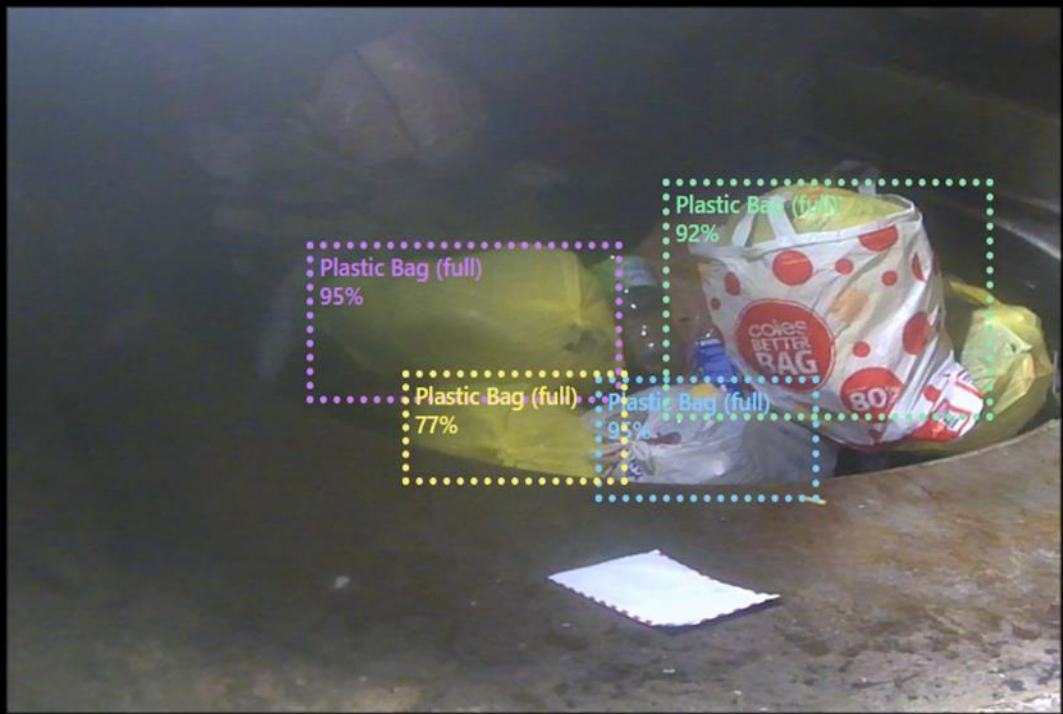
Progressing A.I: Moving to production

- Tagged 4,000+ images
- Two categories
- Fully automated
- 90,000 bins / 2 weeks



Progressing A.I: How does it work





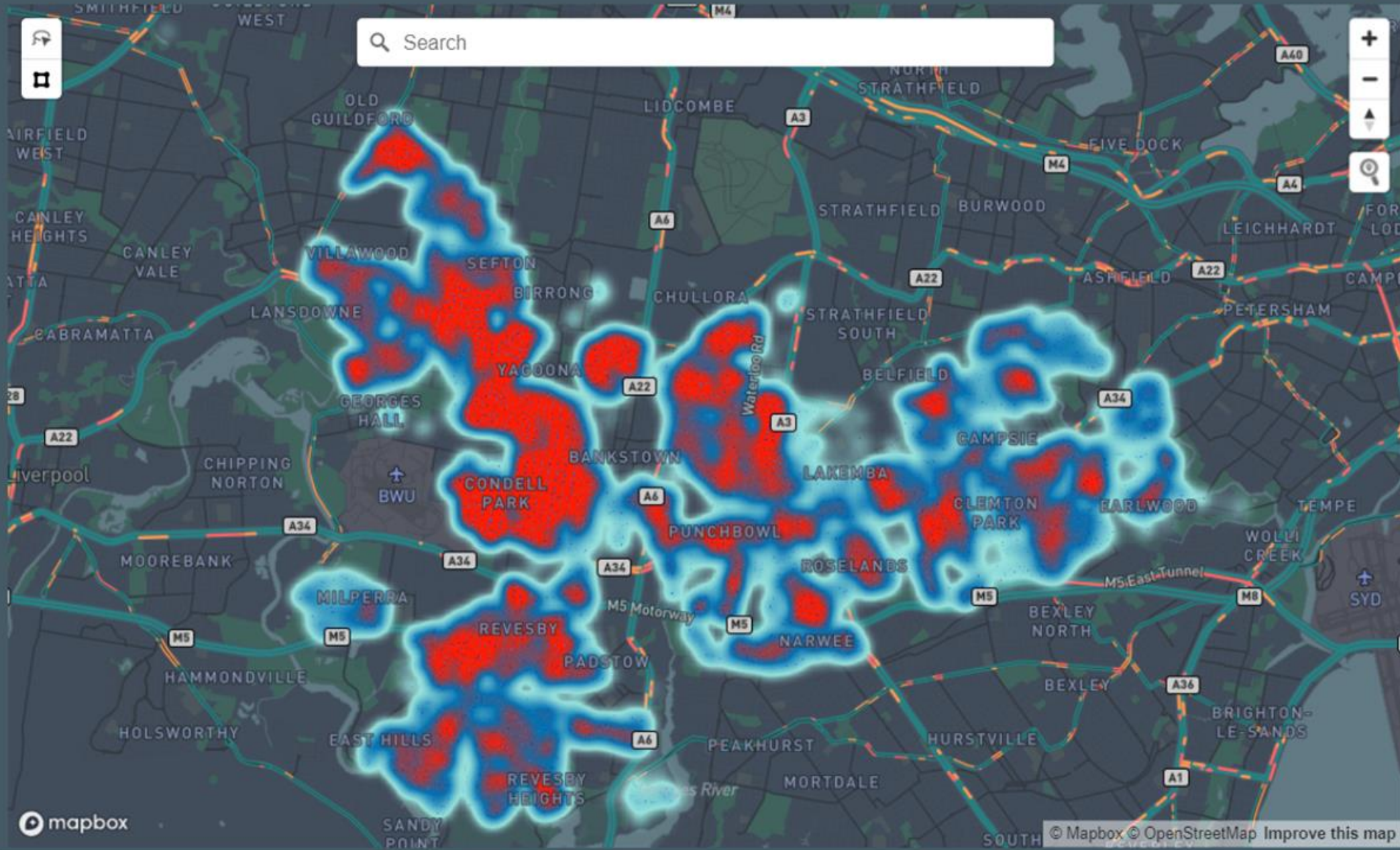
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No. Contaminants: 4

Recycling AI Heat Map

9/9/2022

3/14/2023

Search



Street

- (Blank)
- 1/01/1900
- 1/122 Bonds Rd
- 1/156 Bonds Rd
- 1/192A Kingsgrove Rd
- 1/43 Broadarrow Rd

Suburb

- Ashbury
- Bankstown
- Bass Hill
- Belfield
- Belmore

Contaminant Type

- Plastic Bag (full)
- Soft Plastic

Progressing A.I: Future roadmap

- **Training A.I model**
- **Refine education**
- **Tenders**



Artificial Intelligence: Summary



- **Live data**
- **Targeted education**
- **Automated processes**
- **Reduced risk**
- **Improved safety**
- **Increased inspections**

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