

Email from the Greenhouse Challenge Plus program stating the following:

"We have no intention of awarding SMRC with any further awards"

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From: (Email removed for privacy reasons)

To: (Email removed for privacy reasons)

Cc: (Email removed for privacy reasons)

Sent: (Date removed for privacy reasons)

Dear (Name removed for privacy reasons)

Thank you for your email of the (Date removed for privacy reasons) 2008 regarding the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council.

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) has been a member of the Greenhouse Challenge Plus program (GCP) since October 2006. Membership of the Greenhouse Challenge Plus program is largely voluntary. The program is designed to assist businesses to measure and report greenhouse gas emissions and record greenhouse gas abatement initiatives. Members of the Greenhouse Challenge Plus program are required to compile an emissions inventory, identify abatement actions and report annually.

As part of their abatement activities, SMRC applied to the Greenhouse Friendly program (a complementary initiative under Greenhouse Challenge Plus and within the Department of Climate Change) for accreditation of greenhouse gas abatement. This is through the diversion of material to be composted aerobically rather than being left to decompose anaerobically in landfill. The subsequent accreditation of the abatement process under Greenhouse Friendly was independently verified.

SMRC, along with many other Greenhouse Challenge Plus members, was nominated for and received a Greenhouse Challenge Plus Award in 2007. The principal criterion for the Awards was a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The judging of the Awards was undertaken by a 4 person independent panel.

In relation to your specific comments that SMRC or RRRRC? is producing unusable compost that ends up going to land fill and emitting harmful and obnoxious odours, I can only say that SMRC received their award in 2007 based on the findings of an independent verifier, which at the time of verification, stated that SMRC were reducing greenhouse gas emissions via their compost facility. We have no intention of awarding SMRC with any further awards.

I am sorry to hear about the harmful impacts on your family's health and social life and hope this issue can be resolved for your family as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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