

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following information was sent to both Community Newspapers for our regions.

The Waste Processing Plant at Canningvale has for several years now, been the source of foul odours that have blanketed our suburbs, even being recorded up to 3 kilometers away from the plant.

A brief explanation of the plant is attached which shows the process of "The Bedminster System".

The Bedminster system is working fine, producing compost and reducing landfill. A question arises as to a market for the compost, as its' sale was to help fund the project.

Our concern is not for the financial aspects, but the Odour Management as all stages of the process produce foul air which must be captured and negated before being released into the atmosphere.

There are serious concerns about :

The building being suitable for its purpose

The filter system being capable

The extraction fans and ducting designs

The air flow throughout the building

The management and maintenance of the plant.

All of these concerns are addressed in the Odour Report

All of these factors mean that the odour is not managed, and is therefore allowed to invade our neighbours.

SMRC has had these problems and acknowledges that it is trying to fix them – but has not been successful, and is now asking for \$2.4 million to try again. There are no guarantees of the rate of success, and the SMRC state that they will review the situation again if unsuccessful.

At the Council meeting (20th June 2006), Silvio Trinca from Engineering and Technical Services, admitted that under the SMRC Contingency Plan – 2 landfill sites are available to divert rubbish to in any case that required the closure or shutdown of the Canningvale site. These sites are at Cockburn and Rockingham.

We want the Facility closed immediately, the waste diverted to the landfill sites, and a complete review undertaken of the facilities, repairs and changes made if a guarantee can be given that the odour will be eliminated and will comply with the EPA's bylaws, or to shift the whole operation to a new site away from the residential areas.

We have contacted the Ministers of
The Environment – Mark McGowan
Health – Mr Jim McGinty
Local Government – John Ford
Premiers Department – Alan Carpenter
plus
Tony McRae – The Member for Riverton
All 9 councilors at City of Canning

What we now need is more community support – concerned residents, business owners, sporting groups, education facilities, employees, delivery drivers, commercial customers, tradespeople – everyone concerned to contact info@cmcoag.com to help us, or to receive feedback, information and feedback.

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