



Media Statement

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SMRC directed to stop accepting waste

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has directed a Canning Vale composting facility to temporarily stop receiving waste at its premises in response to a number of odour complaints by local residents.

Environmental Regulation manager Ken Raine said the Department had been monitoring the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) Regional Resource Recovery Centre closely since odours were first reported earlier this year.

“At the time, the Department requested the company engage a consultant to determine the best way to address the odour issue,” Mr Raine said.

“Since then, DEC has received a report from the company detailing a management plan and timeframe to rectify the problem.

“The SMRC has been providing regular updates on the progress of remedial works being carried out at the facility.”

Despite the work that has so far been carried out, DEC has continued to receive odour complaints and has therefore issued the direction.

The Department will carry out further odour surveys in January before deciding whether or not the facility can start accepting waste again.

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Note to Editors and News Directors: The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) was formed on July 1, 2006 through the amalgamation of the Department of Environment and the Department of Conservation and Land Management.