

## **CMCOAG - CANNING MELVILLE COMMUNITY ODOUR ACTION GROUP**

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) is intending to set up an advisory group, to meet to address community concerns, and report back every 2 months.

The CMCOAG has been invited to nominate candidates for 1 position on the 15 member panel. SMRC reserves the right to select who is on the advisory group.

CMCOAG respectfully declines this offer.

No member of the CMCOAG will be nominated.

Any individual who nominates, will do so on their own behalf, and will in no way represent the CMCOAG, and so any opinions expressed will be those of that individual.

CMCOAG has chosen this approach, so that it remains a separate group, with the continuing focus and goals of ridding our suburbs of this noxious odour, and making the management of the SMRC accountable for their apparent absolute disregard for the surrounding communities. The Waste Composting Facility was inexplicably erected amongst established residential communities.

SMRC has been a significant polluter of the atmosphere, allowing toxic chemical plumes to be released into our atmosphere, then seemingly flouting the Environmental Laws, and hiding behind the smokescreen of benefits to the reduction of greenhouse gasses. SMRC has blamed everyone else for the odorous emissions, denied it was them, and when caught out, claimed inexperience and teething problems, but then claim the overall benefits to the community are reduced landfill and greenhouse emissions .

It is not our fault the Waste Composting Facility is shut, but it is because we have raised awareness to the fact that they have been breaking the law for 4 years, and possibly damaging our health for the future.

SMRC chairman Doug Thompson claims we do not have proof that the odour is dangerous, BUT, he doesn't have proof that it is not dangerous. We have statements from hundreds of residents who are experiencing health problems that disappear when they leave the area, and we are continuing to verify the chemicals in this toxic plume.

All the SMRC can offer is the questionable data about how much landfill and greenhouse gas they are reducing.

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