

SMRC move under fire

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THE South Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) has been accused of releasing old information to try to deflect attention from a report on odours from its Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) in Canning Vale.

The SMRC put out a media release last week, citing research done by Choice Magazine in September, which identified the SMRC as an outstanding carbon offset

provider. The SMRC was one of only five organisations to achieve an 'outstanding' rating by Choice.

Canning Melville community odour action group volunteer Mandy Clarke said the information was old news, rehashed by the SMRC to save face.

"Residents were appalled at the article in Choice a few months back," Ms Clarke said.

"The Carbon Offset Watch review was based only on the carbon offsets sold by participants, and the amount to which they can deliver additional greenhouse gas reduc-

tions." "The study did not take into account other environmental or social impacts the participants may have."

Ms Clarke said that the group was not against offsetting greenhouse gas emissions, just the odours emitted from the RRRC.

SMRC chairman Doug Thompson said greenhouse gas reduction had always been a priority of the SMRC.

"I believe the SMRC has been leading the way in this area, so it's always gratifying to receive recognition for our efforts in help-

ing to reduce climate change," Mr Thompson said.

"It's also a timely reminder for residents to place organic material in their green-topped bins and other recyclables in their yellow-topped bins.

"So we can operate the facility at maximum efficiency, helping everyone in the community to live more sustainably."