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# Fire in belly of waste critics

MELVILLE residents presented a petition to the City expressing their disgust at the continued lack of consideration shown by the council over the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale.

They also requested the City provide residents with air-filtration systems and assist with landscaping to reduce pollution.

Melville Action Group spokeswoman Mandy Clarke said families had not been able to enjoy their homes or back yards because of the bad

odours produced by the waste facility.

Plans to develop a resource facility at Rockingham or Kwinana were postponed recently due to the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council's (SMRC) decision to rebuild the fire-ravaged plant in Canning Vale.

The fire took the focus off controversial plans for a second facility to cater for the area, with Rockingham landfill one of the preferred sites.

Ms Clarke, a Leeming resident, said she was outraged at the lack of action, saying families, children and pets had

to put up with the odour at considerable risk to their health.

"These councillors are supposed to be representing their ratepayers, not neglecting them," she said.

Ms Clarke said the City continued to turn its back on suffering residents and it needed to "wake up" and take responsibility for the problem.

City of Melville chief executive Shayne Silcox said he was aware of the concerns from local residents and the City would continue to work collaboratively regarding any odour complaints.