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Media Statement

New licence conditions for Canning Vale waste facility

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is inviting the public to comment on new draft licence conditions relating to odour emissions at the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council's (SMRC) Canning Vale waste facility.

SMRC's Regional Resource Recovery Centre separates recyclable products from waste, which is converted into compost and mulch.

DEC Environmental Regulation Director Alan Sands said sections of the operating licence had been identified as in need of improvement as a result of community concerns and DEC compliance actions.

"DEC acknowledges that SMRC has done a lot of work to reduce odours in recent years, but there is still room for improvement," Mr Sands said.

"Accordingly, stringent new odour conditions are proposed for inclusion in the licence.

"These clear, enforceable licence conditions place the onus of responsibility onto the site operators to ensure that no unreasonable emissions occur which may interfere with the health, comfort or amenity of nearby residents or community members.

"While DEC recognises that waste facilities carry out an essential and valuable service, odour emissions are a key environmental concern for the community and it is important that residents are not subjected to unreasonable odours or poor air quality."

The 21-day public comment period will commence on Monday 1 March. To obtain a copy of the full licence with draft amendments contact DEC's Booragoon office on 9333 7510.

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