

# Pledge on recyclables

Town to rethink relationship with SMRC if toxicology report backs claims of danger to public health

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KWINANA Council would reconsider its relationship with the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council if its controversial waste-composting facility in Canning Vale was found to be a danger to public health.

Chief executive Neil Hartley said last week Kwinana's SMRC representative, Cr Sandra Lee, had raised concerns over odour issues and worked hard to make sure the facility operated appropriately from all perspectives.

Mr Hartley was responding to claims made by Canning Melville Community Odour Action Group spokeswoman Mandy Clarke at a council meeting on June 25.

He said the council would reconsider its involvement with the SMRC if the Department of Health's toxicology report concluded the facility had caused health issues to nearby residents.

"It is not anticipated such a report would prevail," Mr Hartley said. "The Town would, however, not support any activity proven to pose a health risk on the community," he said.

Mr Hartley said the council had a limited membership of the SMRC and

sent only its recyclables to the facility. The recycling was not an odour source.

"We are though, very keen to ensure that the SMRC's RRRC facility operates appropriately, within acceptable parameters, and preferably without any odour impacts on nearby communities," Mr Hartley said.

Ms Clarke claimed the council had not taken responsibility for its involvement with the SMRC's controversial waste composting facility.

Ms Clarke raised concerns over Kwinana's involvement with the SMRC and the RRRC waste-composting facility and complaints from nearby residents about noxious odours.

She said the council had not taken any responsibility for its involvement with the SMRC and alleged health problems.

"It seems the Town of Kwinana don't mind sticking their nose in and supporting the SMRC when it's convenient, but when it's time to take responsibility they pass the buck and seemingly hide behind the SMRC," she said.

"It is an insult to residents of the Town of Kwinana that their council backs the SMRC, considering everything that has taken place."