

# Plant plan on nose

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RESIDENTS claiming to be affected by pungent odours from Canning Vale's Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) have sent a stern warning to locals about plans to build a similar plant close to homes in Windsor Hills, Kwinana.

Canning Melville Community Odour Action Group volunteer and Leeming resident Mandy Clarke said residents in other councils were not aware of the "terrible impact" South Metropolitan Regional Council's (SMRC) Canning Vale facility had made.

"We wouldn't wish our situation on anyone; it's been one long, cruel nightmare that's been inflicted on residents," she said.

Rivers Regional Council is in talks with the Water Corporation to lease land at McLaughlan Road, Postans - next to an existing Water Corporation wastewater treatment plant - for a secondary waste recycling plant, which would recover up to 100,000 tonnes of waste each year.

In addition, SMRC is completing a feasibility study for a second RRRC for Millar Road, Baldivis, near houses in Homestead Ridge.

Kwinana Greens candidate Dawn Jecks

said she was appalled Rivers Regional Council (RRC) wanted to build its rubbish processing plant in Kwinana.

"The facility in Canning Vale is under ongoing criticism by people living nearby because of bad odours and possible health problems," she said.

"The Rivers Regional Council seems to prefer to dump its polluting rubbish problems on the people of Kwinana, rather than closer to home in its own shires."

Rivers Regional Council chief executive Alex Sheridan said the proposed McLaughlan Road plant would use better technology than was used at the Canning Vale site and

would not emit any particles into the air. It would have a buffer of up to 700m from the nearest homes on the south side of Thomas Road, Kwinana.

Ms Clarke said she was often overpowered by a putrid stench in her home, 500m from the Canning Vale plant.

She said people in Leeming, Canning Vale, Willetton and Bull Creek, up to 1.5km away, had made odour complaints about the Canning Vale plant for the past four to five years.