

Locals want their homes smell-proofed

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LEEMING locals want Melville city council to pay the cost of smell-proofing their homes from the effects of the Canning Vale waste management centre.

They say the council – a part-owner of the recycling and composting facility – should “pull their heads out of their bums” and acknowledge responsibility.

The Canning-Melville Community Odour Action group has whipped up a petition calling on the council to pay for filtration systems and to help landscape backyards to protect residents from pong.

“The city needs to get some backbone on this issue, instead of leaving residents in the lurch,” said spokesperson Mandy Clarke.

“The residents are telling the city to wake up, pull their heads out of their bums, step up to the plate and take responsibility, and help the residents who are copping these noxious emissions.”

She said Melville council had failed to act so far because only a small number of Leeming locals were affected.

“How will the city explain this to ratepayers’ families whose poor kids are having the odour forced on them, unable to enjoy their homes and making them ill?”

“The residents deserve much better than the obvious mishandling by the city of the odour issue.”

The *Herald* contacted Melville council for comment but at the time of going to press hadn’t heard back.