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# SMRC under fire from MPs

THE Southern Metropolitan Regional Council has been accused of playing politics by convincing the Rockingham council to endorse a motion of support for its controversial Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC).

South Metropolitan Region member elect Phil Edman said he was appalled at the motion and accused the SMRC of playing politics.

"The City of Rockingham is getting used to do the

SMRC's political bidding and I think that's ethically wrong," he said.

Jandakot MLA Joe Francis said the Rockingham council had been "sold a dud" in believing the RRRC was an efficient and environmentally acceptable facility.

"It's an attempt by stealth by the SMRC to try get more money out of Rockingham council," he said.

Rockingham council this week passed a motion that

reaffirms its commitment to the RRRC in providing an efficient and environmentally acceptable waste and recycling service for the region.

The decision was made less than 24 hours before the SMRC submitted a plan to the Department of Environment and Conservation that would determine if there was any source of odours coming from the RRRC.

The motion, put forward by Cr Richard Smith, was carried 6-3, failing to get the

votes of councillors Les Dodd, Leigh Liley and Deb Hamblin.

It also included a request for Premier Colin Barnett to establish an independent community consultative committee to resolve concerns about the RRRC.

SMRC chairman Doug Thompson said he was confident the RRRC did not have an adverse effect on the community, but all possible sources of odour within the RRRC would be investigated.