



MEDIA STATEMENT

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McRae says it's time for the Recycling plant to close

Residents in Leeming and Willetton should not have to put up with the putrid odour emanating from the SMRC facility any longer.

Riverton MP Tony McRae said that the SMRC has had every opportunity to comply with basic operating conditions and had failed miserably.

"My office has been receiving continuous emails and phone calls from residents across Leeming and Willetton who have put up with the failure of the plant for more than a year," Mr McRae said.

"This plant is now impacting on the lives of hundreds, possibly thousands of people through its stinking emissions.

"I have been referring the concerns of my constituents to the Department of Environment and Conservation to ensure they were aware of the extent of the plant's failure.

"The SMRC was closed last year because they weren't complying with their operating conditions and they were allowed to re-open to prove they had fixed their operations.

"It's clear the SMRC has failed.

"On nearly every occasion I have visited local residents in Willetton and Leeming over the past 6 months, it has been obvious that the SMRC failed to stop the emission of putrid odours.

"Having a world-class recycling centre is what we all want so that we can reduce household garbage going to landfill and fight climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

"What we don't need is a second rate, unsustainable and poorly managed stink house.

"There comes a time when we have to say enough is enough and take decisive action and that time has arrived.

"I have written to the Minister for the Environment asking that the Department of Environment and Conservation take action to close the plant permanently," Mr McRae.

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