



Mr L Jones

5/6/2008

The Chairman  
Environment and Public Affairs Committee  
Parliament House  
Perth WA 6000  
Attention: Linda Omar

Please find several letters in reference to the recycling plant at Canning Vale; these are a few that I have saved on my computer. I have also rang the Environmental Department on numerous occasions and also the RRRC waste composting facility I stopped ringing as it was costing money and nobody seemed to care.

As you can see I am a very disgruntled resident and you never know when we are going to experience the appalling smell that enters our homes, it depends on the direction of the wind whether its coming in your direction, however when it does its dreadful.

My enclosed letters explains how I feel and I can only hope that this facility is shut down or moved to an area, which allows people to live in an environment those who are, as ratepayers deserve.

  
L G Jones

**PUBLIC**

Mr L Jones

Mark McGowan MLA  
Minister for Environment  
Racing and Gambling

SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL RESOURCES CENTRE

Dear Sir,

I received a copy of your letter to the Member for Riverton Mr Tony McRae in reference to the above recycling facility in our area.

The people have been putting up with this stench from this depot for at least (3) years and quite frankly we have had enough, I have written to the Canning Council the Chairman of the board of the (RRRC) and my local Member Mr McRae and nothing happens and we are still having the stink coming into our homes.

You or your colleague's obviously do not live in the area otherwise it would not have taken this long to overcome the on going problem. I have been made a couple of phone calls to Mr Peter Johns in your Department and he informed me that a consultant from the Eastern States was carrying out smoke tests and that a report was coming through to your Department, that was (3) weeks ago.

Surely it does not take (3) weeks to write a report which when completed could be faxed through to your Department. This problem seems to be on going and the last information I received regarding the problem was that the Bio-Filters were not coping and was allowing the stench to go into the atmosphere and coming into our homes with a north easterly breeze, if that was the case surely the manufacture's of the Bio-Filters would be consulted and made to rectify the problem.

The question belies me as to why this environmentally disaster was ever built there in the first place and further more why was it built out of tin and not pre-formed concrete that would have had a far better chance of sealing it to stop the odours from escaping.

This disgraceful non acceptable environmental problem has gone on to long, and time to consider an action group which will include newspapers and radio coverage and more to either fix the problem or shut the facility down.

Yours sincerely

L G Jones

*Att Linda Omar*

**PUBLIC**

Mr Les Jones

To the Mayor  
Canning City Council  
1317 Albany Highway  
CANNINGTON WA 6107

Dear Sir,

The people in this area are once again have to put up with the odour that is coming from the recycling of vegetation and recycling of rubbish from your recycling depot in Canning Vale.

This happen mainly in summer time when we have the east winds, it happened last summer and we were told than it would be fixed, and we would not have any further problems.

With the hot weather we normally have our air conditioners on which draws the air from outside into our homes, and with the smell it becomes unbearable.

Could you please see what can be done to overcome this problem.

Yours Respectfully

LG Jones.

*Att Linda Omas*

**PUBLIC**

Mr L Jones

The Minister for the  
Department of Environment and conservation  
The Atrium Level (4) 168  
St Georges Terrace  
Perth WA 6000

Dear Sir,

Once again I am writing in reference to the stinking smell coming from the recycling plant at Canning Vale. I live approx 700 metres in a direct line from this monstrosity.

The people in this area have been putting up with this stench for about four to five years and we have this sickly smell coming into our homes. I have telephoned your department on numerous occasions, but nothing ever happens. I am quite sure if anyone in your department were to live under these conditions the plant would be shut down without hesitation.

We in this area have had enough, and it is time for some one with fortitude and the courage to use their authority and close the place down and allow the taxpayers to breath some clean air. The management of this facility have tried to over come this problem for years without success so it s time for peoples health to be considered and shut it down for good, and allow us to enjoy the out door living we are entitled to.

Disgruntled Rate Payer

L G J ones.

*Att Linda Curran*

**PUBLIC**



Mr Les Jones

Mr Doug Thompson  
Chairman of (SMRC)  
Almondbury Road  
Booragoon WA 6149

Dear Sir,

I have just read the article in the Fremantle – Cockburn – Melville Times Community News Paper dated the 3 – 9 of January. I am afraid that you have sadly been misinformed or you do not want to know the realities of the problem of the odours coming from the recycling facility

It is quite obvious that you do not reside here otherwise you would certainly be well aware of the stench that we the people of Leeming have been putting up with (on and off) over the last approximately (3) years.

I am quite sure that you or the other members of your committee would not like to invite guests around for a barb-b-cue and put up with this un acceptable putrid smell, furthermore how would you and your committee like to turn on your evaporative cooler and drag the rotten smell thought the whole household.

This is almost unbelievable that this facility was ever put there in the first place, knowing that this problem exists in other parts of Australia and to place it in the middle of three highly populated suburbs of Canning Vale, Willetton and Leeming is Incomprehensibly.

We are experiencing these odours mainly when we have a South Easterly breeze or when there is just a slight breeze and I must concur with Lorraine Greene and many more people that live in this area.

As this problem has been happening over some considerable time and if the same facilities in Australia are having the same problem maybe consideration should be given to shut it down or relocate it where it will not effect the community.

Yours faithfully

L G J ones.

*Att Linda Brown*

**PUBLIC**

Mr L Jones

Mr Les Evans  
Environmental Health Officer  
City of Canning Council  
1317 Albany Highway  
Cannington WA

Dear Sir,

Once again we the people in this area are having to put up with the stink from the recycling facility at Canning Vale, it happens every time we have a north westerly breeze and we are becoming fed up with the excuses.

First it was that the building where the process was taking place was not sealed, the second excuse was the roller door was damaged and a section of the door had to come from the Eastern States, I wonder what the next excuse is going to be.

We have lived here for approximately (17) years and in that time we have had the aero plane traffic over our house has increased tremendously with planes flying over our house every (5) minutes which almost destroys our out door life with the increased noise levels. I believe the Federal Member for Fremantle was going to have the airport relocated before her endorsement, however nothing has happened.

It is the year (2005) and I look out my front window and I see the coat hangers with the power lines draped across them and I look out the back door and see (35) metre high towers along the stage (7) Freeway and further more we go down the street to South Street and the traffic has increased ten fold and they call this progress, well I don't and to top it off we now have a recycling facility that stinks and I can just imagine what our summer is going to be like if we going to get north east winds.

May I reiterate my concern and my neighbours of what we can expect in the future with this on going problem with recycling plant. Last night the 2/10/05 was the last straw it was absolutely putrid and unbearable and I don't think we the rate payers should be putting up these inconveniences and further, this plant should be shut down or relocated to another area.

Yours faithfully

**PUBLIC**

L G Jones

Mr L G Jones

Mr Doug Thompson  
The Chairman  
(SMRC)

Dear Sir,

I happened to be out of the house yesterday and my wife received a telephone call from someone in the (SMRC) to say that you are waiting to receive \$200,000 to fix the problem to overcome the stench that is continually drifting through this area.

It appears that the money from the councils concerned is not going to be available until sometime after June, possibly after the end of the financial year and after that, maybe the modifications will take place and according to that person the work should be completed by the end of December.

As you are aware I have written several letters to Politicians, Councils, and the Environmental Department, and others and made between (20) to (30) telephone calls and letter drops in this area, and we still have the problem we had (3) years ago.

If this disastrous monstrosity of a building was located in Nedlands, City Beach, Mosmans Park etc I am more than positive that it would not take this long to fix or it would have been shut down as it should be right now. The people in this area have had enough and are really fed up with the promises and lack of action taken to overcome the problems that have been known for some time and we would like you as the Chairman of the board to make every effort to pressure the councils for the rate payers money to expedite the necessary repairs or upgrade so we can enjoy the outdoor life style to which we are entitled to.

Disgruntled Rate Payer

LGJones

*Att Linda Arnold*

**PUBLIC**



MR L Jones

The Mayor  
The Canning City Council  
1317 Albany Highway  
Cannington WA

Dear Sir,

I have written several times about the matter of the offensive and very pungent odour that emanates from the recycling facility in Canning Vale. It happened many times last summer to which the staff from the Council said they were having problems and to bear with them as they were going to seal the building where the smell was coming from. Evidently there is still a problem

This seems to happen when we have a North Easterly breeze and it is extremely annoying and don't believe the people living in this area should have to put up with this disgusting smell. I am amazed that this facility was built in the middle of a large housing area such as Canning Vale, Leeming, and Willetton .

We the people in this area can only hope that these conditions do not continue as we are becoming very concerned that it seems to be a source of annoyance that is difficult to fix.

Yours faithfully

L G Jones.

*Att Linda Omar*

**PUBLIC**



Mr Les Jones

Mr Tony McRae  
Member for Riverton  
P.O. Box 139 Willetton  
WA 6149

Dear Sir,

The people in Leeming and Canning Vale and maybe Willetton have been putting up with the smell coming from the recycling plant for about (3) years. I have written several letters to the Canning Council and they have referred me to the Southern Metropolitan Regional Resources Recovery Centre.

I have contacted the SMRRRC on numerous occasions and they agree with me that the stench is not acceptable. This odour is unbearable and occurs when there is almost no wind or the wind is coming from the south east, when this happens we can't enjoy our outdoor life like other people and if we turn on the evaporative cooler we drag the stench into our homes.

The SMRRRC say they are trying to fix the problem and have been for (3) bloody years, meanwhile we have to put up with unacceptable stink.

As our representative in this area we would like you to request that this facility is shut down as I don't believe that this building can be sealed good enough to stop the odours.

It is rather remarkable that this facility was built there in the first place, smack bang in the middle of the areas as mentioned above. It appears that the three Councils, involved did not investigate the problems thoroughly enough as I am told they have similar problems in other places in Australia where these recovery centres exist.

This is a major problem and of great concern to the people in this area and we will pursue this until this place is shut down or relocated.

We now have a Freeway running in our back yards and ugly looking power poles down the freeway and aeroplanes roaring overhead and the stink from this monstrosity.

It would be appreciated if you would please take our concerns up with the Councils concerned.

Yours faithfully

L G Jones

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