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## Committee to reopen its inquiries into Waste Recovery Centre in Canning Vale

The Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs has reopened its inquiries into *Petition 59 - Regional Resource Recovery Centre at Canning Vale*.

The Petition states that the residents are “opposed to the continued operation of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre’s Waste Composting Facility in Canning Vale. This facility creates a noxious odour, affecting the health and lifestyle of the residents in surrounding suburbs”.

The petition requests the Legislative Council to support residents and others affected by this Waste Composting Facility and recommends to the Government that the South Metropolitan Regional Council relocate the facility away from any residential area.

The South Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) was established to provide a collective response to waste management for seven local government authorities, comprising of Canning, Cockburn, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Kwinana, Melville and Rockingham.

Hon. Sheila Mills MLC, Chair of the Committee, said the inquiry will focus on the odour emanating from the Regional Waste Recovery Centre. Ms Mills said the Committee is keen to hear the views of all stakeholders.

The Environment and Public Affairs Committee was appointed by the Legislative Council in August 2005, with the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on both public and private policies, practices, and projects in Western Australia which affect or may affect the environment.

When reviewing petitions, the Committee seeks to provide a forum for public discussion on matters of community interest and to allow interested groups, to bring their concerns to the attention of the Legislative Council.

The Western Australian Legislative Council is the only State House of Parliament in Australia that refers all petitions to a committee for inquiry and report. In many other jurisdictions petitions are simply recorded in *Hansard* and no further investigation is undertaken.

The Committee has already received several submissions from the public and petitioners and will be reviewing these submissions as part of their inquiry.

**Hon. Sheila Mills - Chair.**

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