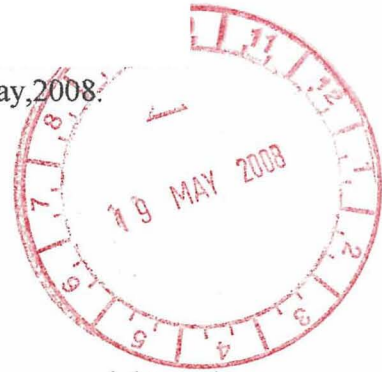


15th. May, 2008.



The Chairman,
Environment and Public Affairs Committee
Parliament House,
PERTH.W.A. 6000.

Dear Sir, “Attention LINDA OMAR”

After several submissions of Logs of complaints in my own right, and experiencing the efforts of the action group at their meetings, I am delighted that the petition has now been tabled in the Legislative Council and referred to the Environment and Public Affairs Committee, for review.

My wife and I moved to this locality in early 1996 after leaving our property of some acreage in Bindoon. Our position at this address is approximately 2kms in a north, north,west direction from the Council’s waste facilities in Bannister Rd. Canning Vale. Our experience of this nauseating emission is therefore influenced by wind direction and is most prominent when winds are blowing from a South to South East direction. On most occasions of experiencing the odour has been following a reasonably warm and humid day and the wind does not necessarily have to be blowing that strong. Not being aware of the exact time this facility was set up in Canning Vale, we can only honestly say that within the last 4 years or so, we questioned what sort of industry had commenced in our neighborhood that was so noticeable in the effect it was having on just breathing fresh air. We kept in mind that the industrial area of Canning Vale could house any form of activity, and for possibly most of those years, was experiencing noxious odours, but didn’t know where they were being emitted from.

It has only been recently that one has been able to identify the offending party, and the guidance and assistance of the “Action Group”, the instrument in who to complain to.

If I am correct, I believe this facility was closed down for some time prior to the end of 2007, again brought about by complaints from residents, but then allowed to reopen, possibly with re-assurances that the emission problems had been overcome. I will recall one person who presented a report to the meeting held at Leeming on the 4th.May,2008, a person who was evidently quite knowledgeable in this plant’s operations and similarised it with a system that had been set up in the US, and did not work there either. If this is the case, and the operations at the present locality are similar, then it is useless flogging a dead horse. If it doesn’t work efficiently, and they can’t find out what the problem is, then shut it down completely. I can understand that the initial “Setter Uppers”, for a better word have a few quid at stake here, and are not going to go down under water without a breath of fresh air (Ironic: Isn’t it) This involves the actual business owners of the facility, Councilors from both Melville and Canning,etc, so there is a number of organizations and people involved who might be asked to do a bit of soul searching themselves.

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As static residents, my wife and I could have become complacent to this continual odour and virtually taken it for granted, but looking back now, I wonder why my children and friends who have visited us, have complained about the atmosphere around here, believing it contained something abnormal.?? Their interpretations, a smell between a rotting carcass and a rancid bag of compost mix.

In as far as health problems, I personally have suffered from acute sinus problems, headaches, sore eyes etc, to the extent that I had attended my GP for chest Xrays and blood tests. Nothing of consequence was reported, but I still experience the symptoms.

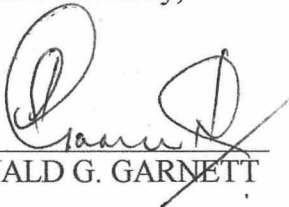
My wife, only out of SJOG Murdoch after bowel cancer, a hospital duration of some seven months, fortunately was not always around the home front, but is conscious of this pollution now that she is at home.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee: The Petition is in your capable hands and from a personal point of view, I hope you will consider the comments of many residents in the light that they are presented. Like a lot of other home owners in this affected area, my "Home is my Castle", and I will defend it like any Aussie.

I cannot ignore a rather attaching wording in the conclusion of the movie "The Castle" ---- "IN JUST CAUSE".

There is enough heartache in this world anyway, without someone trying to make it more difficult even to breathe -----"FRESH AIR".

Yours faithfully,


DONALD G. GARNETT

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