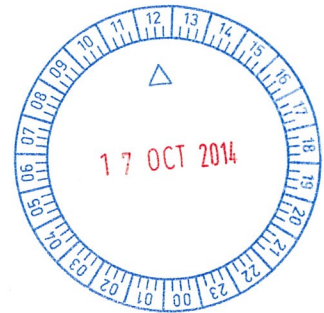




**Hon Donna Faragher JP MLC
Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier
Member for East Metropolitan Region**



15 November 2014

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs Committee
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Simon,

Thank you for your letter dated 19 September 2014 regarding Petition No 59.

As you will note from the contents of the petition, the petitioners are requesting an inquiry into the actions taken by Bio-Organics Pty Ltd, the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) and the Contaminated Sites Committee in relation to contamination of the Bio-Organics site, located in Oakford, and neighbouring properties.

For the Committee's reference, I am aware that this is a long-standing issue. I understand that DER has received over the past couple of years a number of complaints regarding odour issues and potential surface/ground water contamination. I further understand that in June 2014, the Chief Executive Officer of DER revoked Bio-Organics' licence and a closure notice was issued. This is however subject to the appeal provisions of the Environmental Protection Act.

I am aware that the principal petitioner, Mr Alan Clarkson, will be providing the Committee with a further submission in support of the request for an inquiry outlined in petition 59.

Yours sincerely

HON DONNA FARAGHER JP MLC
Member for East Metropolitan Region