



SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MEDIA STATEMENT

SMRC legal action

The SMRC is not taking legal action against the designers of its Waste Composting Facility at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale.

The SMRC has lodged a writ in the Supreme Court against an engineering company in regard to an alleged breach of contract unconnected to any of the odour management systems.

The plant was constructed by the time the contract, the subject of the writ, was entered into.

The writ has been commenced to protect the SMRC's rights and will only be progressed if the dispute cannot be resolved.

For more information on the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council visit www.smrc.com.au.

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Media backgrounder – About the SMRC

The SMRC is a statutory local government authority established by Local Councils in the southern part of metropolitan Perth. It is responsible for developing environmentally sustainable waste management solutions and climate change abatement measures for the communities of Cockburn, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Kwinana and Melville.

The SMRC is committed to assisting the State Government to work towards achieving its Waste Strategy targets by 2020.

Each year the SMRC diverts more than 60,000 tonnes of waste from landfill and prevents about 70,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere which is equivalent to taking more than 16,000 cars off the road. Its Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) in Canning Vale produces more than 25,000 tonnes of compost each year for use in agriculture and soil amendment programs and recovers approximately 70 sea containers per month of recyclables.

The SMRC employs 69 staff and provides work for 100 local small businesses and contractors each month. This contributes more than \$20 million to the economy.

Recycle Right is a campaign by the SMRC which encourages and assists residents and businesses in the Southern Metropolitan Region to recycle, reduce their rubbish and buy more recycled products. To find out what goes in which bin visit www.recycleright.net.au