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Committee launches new inquiry into municipal waste management in WA

The Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs resolved on 26 November 2008 to inquire into Municipal Waste Management in Western Australia. The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry are:

Considering the ongoing community concerns about the odour emanating from the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale (RRRC), the Committee resolves to use the issues surrounding the RRRC as an illustrative practical case study to conduct a broader inquiry into:

- 1 Current municipal waste management practice and methods in Western Australia, and in particular:
 - (a) The function, effectiveness and efficiency of rural and Metropolitan Regional Councils with respect to the management of waste; and
 - (b) The role of the Waste Authority under the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 in municipal waste management.
- 2 Resource recovery technologies; and
- 3 Any other relevant matter.

The Members conducting the inquiry are: Hon. Sheila Mills (Chair), Hon. Bruce Donaldson, Hon. Kate Doust, Hon. Paul Llewellyn and Hon Wendy Duncan MLCs.

The Committee invites written submissions from interested persons.

The submission must address the inquiry's terms of reference.

Submissions should be received by 4pm on Friday 13 February 2009.

Hon. Sheila Mills - Chair.

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