



## **Hazelmere rendering company pays \$25,000 penalty for odour emission**

A rendering company has accepted and paid a modified penalty fine of \$25,000 in relation to emitting an unreasonable odour from its facility in Hazelmere.

Derby Industries Pty Ltd, trading as Talloman, were fined under Section 49(5)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

The penalty was issued after an investigation conducted by the Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC) Swan Region with assistance from the DEC Environmental Enforcement Unit following the receipt of complaints from nearby residents.

The investigation confirmed that an odour emission occurred on 23 June, 2006.

The modified penalty was administered under Section 99A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, which empowers DEC to issue a modified penalty where certain statutory conditions are met.

DEC Pollution Response Manager Ken Raine said it was important that businesses complied with environmental regulations for the protection of the community and environment.

"Businesses need to make sure that they control emissions from their activities so that they do not unreasonably impact on the environment or the community, and this includes odour," Mr Raine said.

"Talloman was directed by DEC to carry out extensive odour reduction works, including major changes to its waste water treatment plant, and process management equipment.

"Talloman has responded well and has cooperated with DEC's directions."

While most odour issues are handled by local governments, DEC regulates large industries that are licensed under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

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