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## **SMRC Must Release Its Annual Report and Budget**

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton called on Stuart McAll, the Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council to immediately release the SMRC's 2009-2010 Annual Report and its budget papers to the community.

"These important documents are usually available via the SMRC's website but they are currently missing," said Dr Nahan.

"I have been contacted by constituents who have told me that they have requested the budget documents from the CEO, Mr McAll only to be told that the SMRC will not publicly release them. I am disappointed to see this type of obstructive behaviour from the SMRC yet again."

Dr Nahan said there is no excuse for the SMRC to be dragging its feet in the release of its corporate documents.

"The SMRC's rival, the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council's Annual Report 2009/2010 is readily available on their website and it has been there since October – so where is the SMRC's Annual Report?" said Dr Nahan.

"Constituents are still complaining about odours and I am aware that the DEC recently had five officers conducting an unannounced odour assessment in the area and that the DEC plan more unannounced odour checks."

"I have formally written to Mr McAll and the Chairman Tony Romano asking that copies of these documents be made available to me but I am still waiting on a response. These documents provide vital information on the overall management and financial viability of the SMRC and there is no valid excuse for the SMRC to refuse to release them."

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