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SMRC's New Council Should Make A Difference

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton congratulated Cockburn Councillor Tony Romano on his new role as the Chairman of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council.

"Mr Romano's appointment as Chairman of the SMRC is a step in the right direction. It signals a fundamental change in the approach that the SMRC takes to its operations after years of ongoing community concerns," said Dr Nahan.

"Councillor Romano has a big task ahead of him to turn around the public perception of the SMRC. He will need to address the ongoing odour issues, regain the support of the community and resolve the management issues that have plagued the group throughout former Chairman Doug Thompson's leadership."

"I'm very pleased to have played a part on behalf of the community in seeing these changes come about. Mr Romano's strong business background and his experience as a long standing councillor will assist him to make constructive changes to lead the SMRC forward."

Dr Nahan also welcomed the other new faces on the Regional Council, including Rockingham Councillor Richard Smith as Deputy Chairman and Richard Olsen from the Town of East Fremantle.

"It is pleasing to see that the SMRC has recognised the need for fresh new expertise on its council. The community is expecting a positive outcome from these changes and I look forward to meeting Mr Romano and working closely with him and the new members to assist them in that quest," said Dr Nahan.

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