

Media Response

28 March 2025

Enquiry

27 March 2025

From Dandenong Journal

Food traders around the eastern corner of Scott and Thomas Street, Dandenong (the cluster of shops either side of Roundabout Cafe) are reporting a regular 'toxic chemical' smell about 7-10pm over the past few weeks.

Some say the smell is causing staff and customers to choke. They are shutting their doors in order to protect themselves.

1. Has the council received such reports? Has it investigated?
2. What is the smell and what is thought to be the source? Is it toxic to human health?
3. What action has been taken to cease the pollution, including any charges against the perpetrator?

(deadline 12pm tomorrow)

Response

Please attribute the following response to Greater Dandenong City Council Executive Director, City Futures, Sanjay Manivasagasivam:

Residents have not formally reported this issue to Council or the EPA. Our Environmental Health Officers will attend this area this evening and over the weekend to monitor the situation.

The EPA have asked that members of the public who detect the odour report it directly to them at the time it is occurring. Doing so allows the EPA to understand trends better and respond more promptly.

We take reports of health issues relating to pollution very seriously and will act quickly to investigate reports.

ENDS