



# Tony Simpson MLA

## Member for Serpentine-Jarrahdale

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## Simpson fighting for local community

Local MLA Tony Simpson has stated that he shares local community concerns regarding the South Cardup Landfill and wants only what is best for Serpentine-Jarrahdale.

"The safety of the Cardup Landfill is a sensitive issue that must be dealt with in a calm and intelligent way," said Mr Simpson.

"Running a scare campaign does not help anybody. It only confuses the issue and forces bad decisions."

In response to claims made recently regarding his position on the landfill, Mr Simpson has stated that he is not a supporter of the landfill, but an advocate for his constituents.

"I do not support the tip. I have said several times that if anyone can prove to me that the tip is a danger to the community, I will do my best to make them fix the problem, or if this is impossible, close the landfill.

"This is stated publicly on my website.

"However, no one who has told me that the tip is leaking has been able to show me any evidence to support the claim.

"During the EPA's assessment of the expansion of the landfill, I entered my own submission requesting that the EPA do everything in its power to ease community concerns over the Landfills operations.

"I also put a motion on notice asking the government to immediately investigate and report on the allegations that the south Cardup landfill is contaminating off-site properties.

"At a meeting of the Serpentine Jarrahdale Ratepayers last year I also asked the members whether they would like to organise a series of independent water tests.

"They refused my suggestion, so I went and had my own tests done. The results of which I have made public.

"I would have done so whether or not they had come back positive or negative.

"The fact is, they came back giving the landfill the all clear.

"People can walk around saying the tip is leaking, but this does not make it so. People need evidence if they are to make such accusations.

"I do not want to live near a landfill any more than the next person. But I do live near it, and I will never let its operations affect my family.

"If I believe it is having an off-site impact, I have as much incentive to make sure the problem is fixed as the next person.

"I will continue to have the water downstream from the landfill tested at regular intervals.

"I invite any community members that are interested in the matter to contact my office if they want to meet with myself or the person in charge of the testing, Mr Peter McCafferty.

"The more community involvement, the better."

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