



# Tony Simpson MLA

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## Simpson acts for community safety

### Local water tested for impact of landfill on community

Many residents living near the South Cardup Landfill have long been concerned that it is having an offsite impact due to leakage, causing potential health risks.

In response to these concerns, local MLA Tony Simpson has organised independent water testing on nearby ground and surface water with the help of the WA Chemistry Centre.

Samples of surface water were collected today from the creek that runs through the landfill site, downstream from the landfill.

"It is important that the local community is certain that there is no adverse impact on their health or the health of their families due to the operations of the tip," said Mr Simpson.

"Many members of the local community have come to me to express their concerns that the landfill is a potential danger to the health and wellbeing of the people and animals in the area.

"However, no one has been able to show me any proof that the tip poses such a danger.

"That is why I have organised these tests.

"My family lives in Byford, only a few kilometres from the landfill. We have as much to lose as anybody else if it actually poses a danger to peoples health and safety.

"If there is a health risk, I want to know about it just as much as anybody else.

"Hopefully the tests will come back showing there is no risk.

"I will continue to conduct such tests periodically in order to make sure that the landfill is operating safely in a way that poses no danger to the community.

"All results will be released to the public."

Further tests, this time on groundwater samples, will be conducted by the WA Chemistry Centre later this month.

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