

**INQUIRY INTO PERFORMANCE OF THE NSW
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

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The Director,
General Purpose Standing Committee No5.

I am writing to you as a matter of urgency in order that some improvements be made to the EPA complaint handling procedures and complaint response.

The point in question is the on going problem with air pollution caused by the mushroom composting factory sited at Mulgrave, NSW. This has been a vexing issue for some twenty (20) years this factory has created a plume of disgusting odour which blankets the Windsor township and the surrounding area.

Some months back an official odour survey was carried out and the source of the stench was officially pinpointed as the compost factory. This survey was done under the auspices of the EPA and the results published. Since then, the stench has been an almost daily occurrence. I can attest to this personally as I work 2 kilometres from the factory and can smell the foul odour.

The Hawkesbury Council are well aware of the problem as they were instrumental in moving two other compost factories out of the area. This remaining factory has by what ever means, avoided complying with EPA directions and continues to pollute the area.

The EPA seem powerless or hesitant to do anything about the problem. Calls the EPA go unreturned or get fobbed off by platitudes such as 'we're not sure where it's coming from'. This of course is false as the results of the survey pinpointed the source of the odour.

I would ask the Committee give consideration to these issues as the whole area has put up with this stench for well over twenty years.