

Adrian Pederick MP

Member for Hammond

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Community meets to discuss TFI odour issue

Over 100 Murray Bridge residents attended an informative community forum discussing the Thomas Foods International (TFI) effluent odour issue.

Liberal Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick, chaired the forum, which involved a panel of representatives from the Environment Protection Authority, Rural City of Murray Bridge and TFI.

“The community forum was designed to inform the community of the measures taken by the company, relevant government agencies and representatives to improve the current odour situation facing residents on Mannum Road,” said Mr Pederick.

“I believe the forum was successful in achieving this aim and was very informative.”

Residents were given the opportunity to ask questions and present concerns, which were appreciated by all members of the panel according to Mr Pederick.

Health concerns and quality of living were of most concern to all who reside in the area.

Thomas Foods, who provided an in-depth presentation, assured residents the company is working hard to improve the situation.

Mr Pederick, who has been actively involved in the issue through ongoing dialogue with the EPA, RCMB, Minister Hunter’s office, Thomas Foods and constituents, is committed to seeing an improvement and a conclusion reached.

“During the numerous meetings and correspondence with TFI, the company has informed me they have invested over \$500,000 in capital to improve the current situation and reach promised odour levels,” said Mr Pederick.

“All involved want to see a conclusion to this issue and are working together towards a better outcome.”