

## **Inquiry into Health Impacts of Air Pollution in Victoria**

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**Organisation Name:**  
**Your position or role:**

### **YOUR SUBMISSION**

**Submission:**

As a single mother I have been living in sunshine west for 17 years with my family for the first ten years and now for the last 7 years on my own. During these 17 years we have experienced foul air pollution continuously on a regular basis every week!

The foul odour was extremely potent and always smelt of sewerage or rotting flesh/meat and disgustingly offensive! This foul odour would consume the whole neighbourhood and surrounding area. I forced to constantly close windows and doors to limit the odour entering our home....having to light scented candles to mitigate and remove the foul odour from within the house.

This has been a continuous problem in the area for over 30 years....from many people I have spoken to in the area who have lived and grow up here.

Complaints have been numerous and ongoing for all these years and still until now today March 29 2021 nothing has been done to put a stop to this outrages harm of the very air we breath!!

This foul air pollution has been identified by the EPA as (VOCs) Volatile Organic Compounds which cause this offensive odours from the activity of resin manufacturing etc.

VOCs may contain oxygen, nitrogen and other carbon chain compounds. Low levels of VOCs odour can cause low mood, anxiety, and stress and eye, nose, throat or lung irritation. This is the evidence the EPA has described on their website as emissions from Akzo Nobel in north sunshine resin manufacturing plant.

I strongly believe that there are similar manufacturing plants around West Sunshine, Ardeer, Derrimut, Brooklyn and other surrounding areas that have experiencing the offensive odours!

This continuous offensive odour I am experiencing on daily basis and have made numerous complaints to the EPA and my local council and nothing to date has been done to stop this outrage the very air we breath!

It caused me a great deal of anxiety and disruption to my everyday living....and my family and the communities can attest to these facts!

It goes on and on without fail and we are not listened to and our complaints are given a deaf ear...so distressing and disappointing!

This air pollution that we are subjected to Must Stop Now!!

These manufacturing plants need to take responsibility for polluting our air and the government authorities should have the power to stop it now...our health has compromised for so long it's not acceptable in this the 21st century in Australia it's totally outrages that this pollution is still going on!!

I have entered this submission in the hope that I highlight the shocking practices from manufacturing that our governments allow to be perpetrated on their citizens.

### **FILE ATTACHMENTS**

**File1:**  
**File2:**  
**File3:**

**Signature:**

