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Dumping of treated wastewater sludge on Harvey Pines.

Murray Cowper the Member for Murray is helping to investigate an unsafe issue affecting residents in Lake Clifton.

The Water Corporation is dumping treated waste material by the Forest Products Commission in the Harvey Pines.

It's believed this waste material has the potential for harm to recreational areas in the immediate area, the leaching of pathogens into the water table, its proximity to RAMSAR Wetlands is concerning as well as the impact it may have on the nearby stromatolites.

Until a few weeks ago when Mr Cowper was asked to investigate the matter, local residents had no knowledge of this practice.

"I want to know whether there has been federal environmental approval for this practice, and what ongoing testing of groundwater has been undertaken to ensure safety?", he said.

Mr Cowper wants to see the dumping of treated wastewater sludge from installations across the Perth Metropolitan area into the Harvey pines stopped, until proper assessment and further community consultation can be undertaken.

Representatives from the Water Corporation, DEC and the Forest Products Commission attempted to address concerns raised by local residents at a meeting on 1 August 2008 in Lake Clifton.

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**Photos: Treated wastewater sludge being dumped on the Harvey Pines.