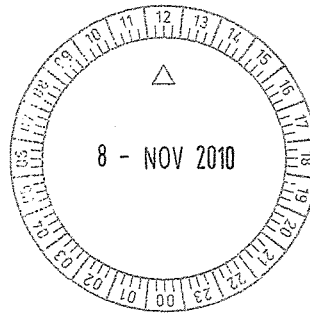


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Addressed to.

Ms Linda Omar

Committee Clerk, Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs,
Legislative Council, Parliament House, Perth WA 6000

Subject:

Legislative Inquiry into Cockburn Cement Ltd Munster

Terms of Reference:

1. Health, environmental, dust, odour, property and other concerns arising out of the operation of the Cockburn Cement Ltd plant, Munster.

Comment: I live in a residential house in a residential area Due North of cockburn cement. Kilns 5 and 6. are approximately one kilometer south of me and my family stacks.

Cockburn cement operations have several directly affects me and my family. The plant in operation twenty fore hours a day seven days a week and continually puts out all types of pollution including but not limited to bad smells noise air borne toxins and when the wind is from the South White Dust lands upon my property including my solar panels and vehicles where it is most visible and especially so on the windscreens.

Windscreens have to be washed before driving the vehicles because it is often can be dangerous due to restricted visibility When driving into the Sunlight or oncoming car Headlights, the white dust on the windscreen picks up the light making it difficult to see properly, and is quite concerning. I have been cautioned by a member of the police force during a routine traffic stop /vehicle and license check on my way to work he gave me a verbal warning and told me next time I could receive a fine and/or yellow sticker (work order) placed on my vehicle hence I often need to wash the cockburn cement dust from my windscreens before driving the vehicle

My vehicles are now in a poor cosmetic condition and now need to be re painted due to the damage from cockburn cement, however this will be costly and afterwards the damage would return again and again I do not have a endless supply of money to do this nor do I consider it fair that cockburn cement are not held responsible for the damage to my property and health

Smells from the Plant can sometimes be strong and extremely unpleasant, so strong as we often have to close all the windows and doors making it imposable to have family and friends around for a BBQ

Health I have had several of animals (goats) die from liver failure as a direct result of lime dust build up on the pasture they graze upon I have concerns for my own health

Cockburn Cement is run entirely for the profit of its owners and shareholders they have no concern for local residents on one occasion I was told by one of cockburn cements community liaison officers that that is why land is so cheap in this area and I will just have to put up with it and telling me that "cockburn cement have a License to Pollute" and were operating "Legally"

My questions are

1 why has the dep and other government department done nothing to hold cockburn to account

2 when will the dep and other government department correct this situation

Yours sincerely,

Keith Lomax