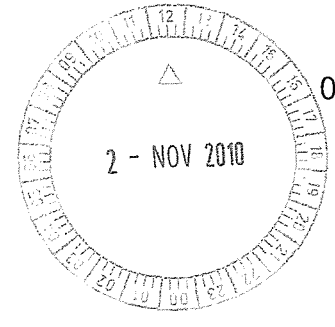


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Ms Linda Omar, Committee Clerk  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Linda

I would like to express my views on the dust emissions from the Cockburn Cement lime and cement plant on Russell Road, Munster.

I moved with my family to our property at Beeliar in July 1997 and had never experienced any major problems with the cement & lime dust however, this is no longer the case. Our cars are constantly found to be covered by white dust and my house is a never-ending dust bowl. I lived in the Pilbara region for over ten years and was living only a few miles from iron ore mines but never experienced the amount of dust that I have endured from Cockburn Cement.

I like to keep my windows open to allow fresh air to enter my home but this is no longer an option. I do not notice the dust in the air as I walk around my yard but I am amazed by the amount that is deposited on our outdoor furniture and cars.

The dust is starting to impact into our vehicles paintwork and it penetrates through the paint and now rust spots are starting to appear where the paint has been penetrated. Our cars are less than 10 years old and yet they are experiencing problems with rust and windshield damage, as the dust also is getting into the glass and leaving minute specks in it.

We were aware of the Cockburn Cement plant at the time of purchasing our property and do not have a problem with its location, however we would like something done about the dust emissions. It needs to have a better filter and entrapment method utilised. Something must be done urgently to address these problems as it is a nuisance to me and my family, our neighbours and to the resale value of our house and cars.

I trust that you will endeavour to assist our plight.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rose Hooper'.

Rose Hooper