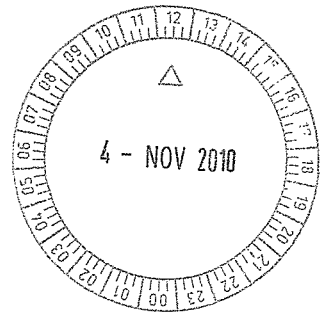


Attention: Standing Committee on the Environment and Public Affairs

RE: Inquiry into Cockburn Cement Ltd Munster.

David Gray



Please be advised that we are affected in the ways mentioned below on most of the 365 days a year by the Munster plant in the following ways.

Odour – At anytime of the day when a Southerly wind is blowing or very minimal wind is present we are engulfed in a rotten odour from the Munster plant and it seems that it is only when stacks 5 or 6 are operating as you can also see the white plums of operating dust coming out of the stacks at the same time. We have even had tradesmen leave our property when working for us due to the choking smells.

We have to regularly close our windows and doors during the days or mostly during the early evenings due to the choking odour as the plant seems to increase activity during the nights, it is a regular occurrence that when entertaining guests outside at your BBQ that we are forced inside which is very embarrassing. We have started to notice that we are suffering a lot of headaches when waking in the morning after we have complained the night before and we have reported this to our doctors

We have to regularly bring the children inside due to the coughing when we are hit with the rights winds when they are playing outside which is frustrating.

Dust - Once again when we are hit with the Southerly winds or very minimal wind is present we are unfairly treated to a lot of white and grey/brown dust from the plant stacks which all 5 different stacks omit regularly, the dust is especially noticeable first thing in the morning after the nightshift production and can be seen most nights falling from the sky in the outdoor lights.

This dust which can be seen on most mornings is damaging, staining and destroying our Cars, House roofing, fences, pool fencing outdoor entertaining areas actually whatever else is outside unfortunately.

Noise – At anytime of the day we are affected by the actual plant in operation and especially at nights when we can hear it when we are trying to go to sleep, we have made multiple calls to CCL regarding very noisy equipment and machinery noises of screeching metal/ rams that keep us awake, loud banging noises, trucks that are continually using their reversing beepers, large machinery that

works in the quarries, generators that are left running during the nights and the overall noise of production.

So far this year since January we have made over calls to the Cockburn Cement Hot line and also had samples taken on multiple occasions, the same taken on 27th October 2010 was the first results we received a verbal back on with Mark telling me that there was 27% of dust particle with the remaining 63% of Cockburn's contaminants including Lime dust.

I have personally sent multiple emails and calls to the DEC which they have failed to answer or acknowledge on all but one occasion which is very disappointing and the new license to operate is so full of rubbish with nothing that can prosecute Cockburn Cement from polluting or damaging properties or affecting anyone's health as it is all targets instead of actual numbers as a minimum standard like all the other companies within the Kwinana strip.

I have all calls to the Cockburn Cement Hotline documented with a lot of photos and multiple videos which i would be more than happy to show and explain to the inquiry.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Gray", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Gray