

4th November 2010

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

To Whom It May Concern

I have lived in the Cockburn area with my wife and son for the last 8 years, we live well outside the Cockburn Cement buffer zone. The area is approximately 8km away from Cockburn Cement, and this I would have thought would be far enough not to be affected by the dust and smell.

Over the last couple of years the continuous odour and dust have increased to such an extent that I am forced to clean my solar panels on a regular basis, my car continues to be covered in a white dust that I can only assume is lime, and my air-conditioning unit has to be cleaned on a regular basis because of the build up of dust.

My previous car was sold at a financial loss due to the condition of the paint; this I can only assume was due to the white dust that continually covered the car. After a year the paint started to fade and then to peel off.

Cockburn cement continues their denial process, and will tell the residents it must be a bush fire or dust from the local market gardens. These excuses are wearing very thin with the residents of Cockburn.

I also believe that the continuing emissions from CCL are having severe and profound effects on my health. In my particular case I suffer from continuous painful red eyes, blood noses, and headaches.

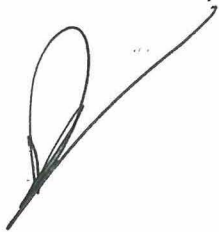
When you consider the distance I live from Cockburn Cement and that I am affected to such an extent and that the local Primary School that is no more than 2km from the boundary fence of CCL what adverse and harmful effect CCL is having on the students and teachers.

As a resident of Cockburn I ask that you demand that CCL install a baghouse filter system that takes the flue gases of all six kilns eradicating both dust and odour emissions from the entire production systems.

The Minister for Environment should demand that CCL install the baghouse filter system as part of their licence to operate.

I sincerely hope that the committee investigates all of the submissions and finally come to a conclusion that will be fair and amicable for both the residence, and CCL.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that ends in a small arrowhead pointing to the right.

Philip Eva JP