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Subject: Fw: Cockburn Cement

Dear Sir/Madam I am sending you my letter of concern due to the health issues that my family and myself have had to suffer since moving into the Beeliam area. I am pleading with you to please take the time to read my letter. Thankyou. Sheryl Ward

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From: Sheryl Ward
To: Minister.Faragher@dpc.wa.gov.au ; Scrimshaw@dec.wa.gov.au ; njones@cockburn.wa.gov.au
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From: Sheryl Ward
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Subject: Cockburn Cement

To Team Leader,
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To Whom It May Concern,

Dear Sir/Madam,

We moved to _____ 5 and a half years ago so that our family could live in an area that had better facilities as our daughter and our 2 grandchildren had come to live with us and due to the fact that we needed a bigger home we also needed to be near schools and playgrounds for our 2 boys. This is what has happened to us since we have moved here.

When we decided to buy our new home at _____ we were told by the Real Estate agent that due to some problems with Cockburn Cement and the surrounding housing area, Cockburn Cement would be shut down within 5 years and rebuilt in either South Australia or further south in the industrial area. This we now know has not happened and this has led us to believe that the agent told us utter lies just so he could get a sale. We feel that this could be common practice for any agents who are trying to sell homes in this area.

Three months after we moved into our home I started feeling unwell and my eyes had become very itchy, sore and red. I also could not breathe very easily, I now need to use a ventolin puffer to help me breathe and I am subject to extreme headaches sometimes so bad that I have to go to bed and I have to stay there for many hours and I have also become diabetic. Before we moved here I never had breathing problems nor did I ever have to use ventolin or any other type of medication as such or did I ever have extreme headaches like I do now.

Our daughter also suffers very bad headaches and our doctor tells her that they are migraine headaches of which she never suffered before we moved here. She also needs a ventolin puffer at times due to difficulty in breathing. Her eyes had also become very itchy, sore and red.

Our son who as a child had asthma but had grown out of it by the time he was 15 works away in Darwin and comes home only twice a year, he is now 28 and everytime he comes home he uses puffers like its going out of fashion and as his asthma is so bad he can't wait to get to Darwin where he has been for the past 11 years and he has no asthma at all. His eyes also become very sore, red and itchy.

Our 2 grandsons were hardly ever sick when we lived in Spearwood but since we moved in to this area they are constantly ill, complaining of headaches and stomach aches and their eyes have also become very itchy, sore and red..

My husband who has not had a sick day in his life so as to have time off work has in the past 5 and a half

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years since we have lived here has complained of headaches, has become diabetic and has gout, and in 2006 he was diagnosed with T Cell lymphoma cancer of which he is still under going treatment. We are sure that Cockburn Cement has something to do with all of our health issues as we were all fine before we came to live here. We would move if we could but due to financial issues and the fact that now Cockburn Cement issues are out there it would be hard to sell our property, there are homes in our street that have been up for sale for the past 2 years and have not sold and some have now been taken off the market.

We have seen Cockburn Cement crushing rocks a lot of times late at night so that people won't see the amount of dust they let go into the atmosphere and the smell is terrible. Our neighbours have complained so much to Cockburn Cement about their nightly and daily works and we have had people from Cockburn Cement come out and see the dust and smell the odour that is released from there but still this continues. We can not have our doors and windows opened as the dust and smell make it impossible for us to be able to. We would dearly love to see Cockburn Cement shut down and rebuilt in an industrial area where they could continue their work without causing health problems due to the dust and the odours.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this letter. John and Sheryl Ward