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To Linda Omar

Re: Cockburn Cement Emissions

I am living directly north of Cockburn Cement plant at _____ & have been there for about 14 years .Since CCL extended their stacks my family & I have been constantly covered in fallout from the plant which includes all types emissions bad odours, noise from machinery dust etc .

The amount of dust from the plant is unbelievable every time the wind blows north our house & cars are covered in white dust, I don't know what it is but it doesn't always wash off.

My son & I are having health problems with sores in our noses, nose bleeds, sore throats & burning runny noses from the dust it has affected us more because we spend more time at home. The biggest problem is that every time there is fallout from the plant it adds to the dust from the time before so when we open a window or door we get a concentrated amount of dust though out the house. All our carpets, blinds, flyscreens etc are covered in it.

Our dog has been sick lately throwing up etc from eating the grass that's covered in dust.

The dust has eaten into the paint work on my Ute, our patio is rusting away the colourbond roof of the house & shed is covered in it & looks faded. Have complained to CCL about the dust on our cars & roof they refuse to clean it even though they take samples & admit it's from the plant.CCL gives you a bottle of chemicals for you to wash your car yourself .When I complain that it's not good enough, the reply was we are operating well under the limits of our licence. The chemicals don't remove all damage to the paint or glass. Can you imagine getting up in the morning to go to work & your car is covered so bad that you can't drive it very frustrating.

There is no way we could have a evaporative air conditioner, water tank or pool on our property with the amount of fallout we get.

What's really going on here is CCL works flat out at night pumping out the stacks which spew's out dust whichever way the wind blows ,that way most people are inside & don't notice the fallout till the next day when they are going to work & won't have time to report it.

Like most residents in the area I don't always report the fallout because it's a waste of time nothing is ever done about it. Reporting to the Environmental Protection Department is a absolute joke they have no power to prosecute CCL or refuse to. Cannot believe CCL is self regulated.

If CCL thinks the problem is only kiln 6 & fitting a bag filter will fix it they should be made to shut down kiln 6 till it's fitted. While it's shut we could see if fallout stops? How much longer do we have to put up with the pollution? Another two years is not acceptable also the machinery noise at night is very loud are they doing something about that?

I feel that there is always going to be problems with CCL because it's too close to residential homes no matter what they do. CCL should be made to move or the area surrounding the plant should be re zoned to heavy industry it's the only real solution to the problem considering CCL will in the future want to expand their plant as they have in the past.

I hope this gives you some idea what all the residents are going though if you want more details I can be contacted on mobile: } Can you email me to let me know you received this letter



Regards GREG JACOBS