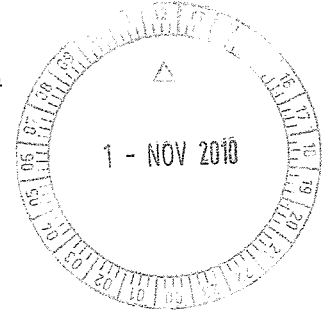


PUBLIC**Legislative Inquiry into Cockburn Cement Ltd Munster WA 6164.****Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs.**

Concerned Resident and Rate payer.

Elizabeth Anne Davey

I write expressing my concerns regarding the emissions fallout from Cockburn Cements Munster plant.

I am a householder and rate payer of the City of Cockburn, I have been a resident of this area for the past 12 years.

My concerns are listed as follows.

Respiratory problems.

1. Since moving to Beeliar from Spearwood, I have suffered from increasing respiratory complaints (these can be substantiated by my GP). A friend, who also resides at this address, has recently been diagnosed with Asthma for the first time, as a direct result, we believe from living within the fall out emission area. Neither of us had these problems when we resided in Spearwood. Emissions appear to be increased under the cover of darkness.

Gritty particles on cars

2. If left un-garaged, cars are covered with sandy particles every day. I particularly notice this residue when I bring the pool car home from work. As this car is new, I am aware of the scratching occurring to both front and rear windscreens. This places me in a position of explanation to my Manager on regular occasions.

Ingested particles

3. As a self sufficient, environmentally aware and friendly person I grow my own veggies. Grainy particles are both abundant and difficult to "Wash off" on home grown veggies. What if any, studies have been carried out regarding the long term affects on people of the ingestion of these particles?
4. I am also water aware, adhere to and promote wise water use. What are the long term affects on households and gardens from the use of water (eg rain water tanks) containing suspended particles?
5. My yards are illuminated with Solar powered lights; I need to remove particle build up weekly, if I want them to work efficiently.

Skin irritations.

6. Skin irritations, lesions and boils are a regular occurrence with people residing in this area. Where are we to hang our washing if our gardens are "Not safe" places to dry our wash?

Children's Health

7. The play Children's equipment in my Garden requires a weekly scrub to remove the build of fall out particles. What are the long term affects to our children from the ingestion and absorption of particles?

This should be of paramount concern to both Local and State Governments, who should be holding Cockburn Cement accountable.

If it isn't, then why, is this not so, isn't this a fundamental issue?

Local Shire rules and regulations

8. As a rate payer and resident I am subject to shire rules, regulations and by laws. These prohibit me from keeping excessive numbers of cats, dogs and chickens , and require that I abide by the rules and regulations set down to protect and enhance residents quality of life and quiet enjoyment of the properties. Why then, when householders, in the main, conform, is industry allowed to flout those rules, and to do exactly what it likes when it likes without consequence.



Liz Davey.

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