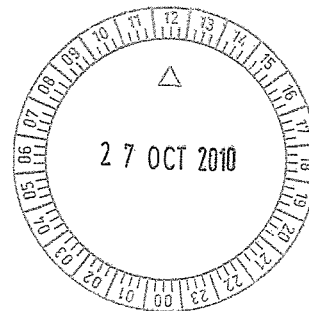


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Ms Linda Omar
Committee Clerk
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

RE: LEGISLATIVE INQUIRY INTO COCKBURN CEMENT LTD – MUNSTER

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the impacts of Cockburn Cement emissions on my family.

- On a daily basis I am subject to an acrid smell which often necessitates closing all doors and windows. This can be embarrassing when I have invited people over and on a nice day I cannot entertain in my backyard but instead have to remain indoors.
- The fine white dust covers everything including outdoor furniture that is under the pergola.
- My car is even covered in white dust and it is garaged but the fine white dust manages to get in.
- I am concerned at the dust being ingested by my dog and possible health consequences. Her water bowl is at the very back of the patio and yet is still covered in a fine dust within a few hours.

I understand that the plant was there when I moved into the area but I believe if the Government is allowing people to build houses near a cement plant they need to ensure people's health is not at risk. The emissions have certainly increased over the past ten years that I have lived here.

I would like to see The Department of Environment and Conservation require Cockburn Cement to immediately install a bag-house filter to Kiln 6 and continue to monitor dust emissions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yvonne McKinlay".

Yvonne McKinlay

24 October 2010