

PUBLIC

Legislative Council  
Att: Mrs Linda Omar – Committee Clerk  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000



Dear Linda,

RE: Legislative Inquiry into Cockburn Cement Ltd – Munster

I am writing to you regards to the above inquiry as a concerned resident who lives bordering the buffer zone for Cockburn Cement. My wife and I moved into the area approximately 1 year ago. We were of course well aware of it proximity to our home when we purchased the land, however, what we were clearly ignorant of was Cockburn's Cement's blatant lack of concern for the environment and welfare of local residents.

Some evenings I come home to alarming levels of sulphur dioxide in the air. We have to keep all windows and doors shut to avoid our home smelling like a fireworks factory that just burnt down. Some evenings there is so much ash in the air it's like it's snowing. I'm sure if you tested the soils around here there would be traces of all kinds of nasty chemicals and a gross PH imbalance.... Well my garden could tell you that much. I know my complaints are minimal in comparison to other residents that have lived in the area much longer.

The idea that Cockburn Cement meets any sort of emission restrictions which would minimise environmental and health impacts on local residents is a joke. An additional bag house filter within 2 years is just another joke. I'd laugh if the joke wasn't on us. What's even funnier is that it seems they are building additional chimneys as opposed to scaling down.

So what do I want (as if it matters).... I wish for one of two scenarios. If I lived in a world where people mattered more than money (which I don't), it would be great if it was recognised that Cockburn Cement and the surrounding residential area cannot coexist without serious environmental and/or health concerns for local residents. The government should offer some form of financial compensation to assist Cockburn Cement in relocation. I am sure the local residents would chip in. \*Back to Reality\* I wish the issue would die down so that my wife, myself and a 6 week old daughter can move out of this horrid area before the rest of Perth becomes acutely aware of the CC issues and the value of our home plummets as people realise we live in an industrial area and spend our nights sucking back on god knows what from that glowing monster that towers over all of us each night.

Lastly it must be said that with what happens around here with industry and development... it's very hard to ignore the stench of corruption.

Kind Regards,

Joshua Davies