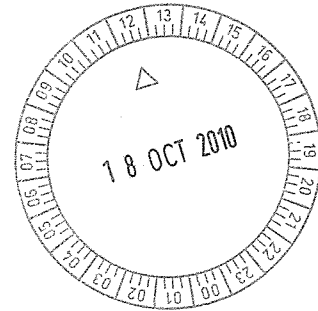


16/10/2010

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



Dear Ms Omar

I am writing to you in regards to Cockburn Cement.
We moved to Beeliar Meve Estate in June 2009.

Within a few days of being in the home we noticed a unpleasant smell coming from Cockburn Cement, it reminds me of sulphur odour that my husband & I had both experienced when visiting Volcanoes in Hawaii. We were told whilst visiting the volcanoes that if anyone had a heart condition it was advised that they not go to the volcanoes because the sulphur odour could be harmful to them. If they were warning people not to visit the volcanoes for maybe an one hour or two because of health concerns, then what kind of health issue are we facing with consistently inhaling the fumes from the odour? Not to mention the odour is very embarrassing when you invite people over for social occasions & they ask what's that SMELL?

The next thing we noticed was the DUST.

The dust is light in colour.

We have a brown planter box & letterbox & you can see the light film of dust that settles on them.

I have dark window frames & dark colourbond roof with the same problem.

My outdoor table in summer needs to be wiped down daily, as does the bbq.

My daughter's trampoline is also very dusty.

We have dark paving out the back, which gets extremely dusty; my husband has to wash it down all the time.

I have noticed that once summer came last year, I started to get a blocked nose in the morning & have to blow my nose each morning. There is usually mucus & sometimes a tiny bit of blood.

My concerns are obviously health issues.
If all this dust is settling on my house etc. How much of this dust is going into our lungs, surely that must be a huge concern.

Also when I hang my washing out I don't like to leave it out too long because of dust settling on them.

I know a lot of people that live in my area are really concerned about the dust and are fed up with it and the smell.

The last thing is, that if we had known about these problems previously I would not have built my dream home here. I am concerned that if we try to sell that we will not recoup the money that we spent on our home because of the Cockburn Cement Dust & Smell issue.

I realise that they were here before us, but the shire should have looked into this before making land available for housing, I am actually really surprised that a school has been built so close to Cockburn Cement.

I hope that you can make some major changes in how Cockburn Cement processes their product, & that the changes will eliminate all of the above problems.

Kind Regards

Mr. & Mrs. R. Glas