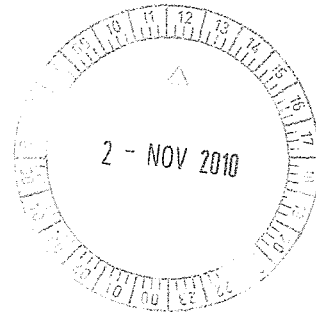


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Ms Linda Omar, Committee Clerk  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000



To Ms Omar,

I would like to express my concerns on the emissions from Cockburn Cement lime and cement plant.

I have lived in Beeliar for about 12 years. In this time we have noticed the emissions from Cockburn Cement lime and cement plant dramatically increase. These emissions are very visible on our cars and outdoor furniture and I am highly concerned about the impact it is having on my family's health and our pets.

The emissions are so bad that no car in the area stays clean. When I clean my car, it only lasts a few hours. Later that afternoon my clean car was already covered in the white/grey dust that blows from Cockburn Cement. Not only do I then have a dusty car but the particles from the dust emissions are protruding the paint and leaving dots of rust. My car is a 2005 model white car. When I bought it (mid last year) there were no marks or rust specs and the paint work was in excellent condition. Since having my car I have seen the dramatic changes to the paint caused by the emissions from Cockburn Cement and it is highly concerning.

The outdoor furniture is also constantly covered in the emissions from Cockburn Cement. As with the car, no matter how often I wipe the table and chairs, within a few hours or the next morning they are all covered in the dust again. At least I can wipe the furniture clean but what is happening to my vegetables in the garden? It is a great concern that if these particles are ruining the paint on my car then what effect is it having on the food I eat from the garden?

These particles don't just stay outside either. We are constantly cleaning and dusting fine white particles from off our furniture. This is not only "normal" dust but the emissions from Cockburn Cement. I have shown friends the dust we get in Beeliar and they can't believe how bad it is.

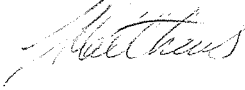
Often I am forced to close the windows of the house because the smell that comes from Cockburn Cement is unpleasant. Not only is it unpleasant but I am worried about the effects breathing it in will have. I can clearly see the emissions on my car and furniture, these emissions are airborne from Cockburn Cement and therefore there would most definitely be particles that I and my family breathe in. It is a disgusting thought to know what damage this is doing to our long term health.

On cement packaging it is noted to wear protective gear to avoid breathing in the particles. Yet Cockburn Cement has no concern in covering neighbouring suburbs in this awful dust.

I have attached some pictures of my car to show the Cockburn Cement dust.

I would really like to see something change with the way Cockburn Cement operates. What would be more pleasing would be to see Cockburn Cement relocated to a less residential area and to have catchment mechanisms to prevent the emissions being spread.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tahnee Matthews', written in black ink.

Tahnee Matthews

