



**Deputy Premier of Western Australia
Minister for Health; Tourism**

Our Ref: 25-27454
Your Ref: Petition 150

Hon Brian Ellis MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Brian

Thank you for your letter of 17 May 2012 regarding Petition No 150, Kwinana Industry Air Buffer Zone (Munster), the terms of the petition and the submission from Hon Lynn MacLaren MLC, Member for the South Metropolitan Region.

The petition refers to a proposed air quality buffer for odour around the Woodman's Point wastewater plant. The Department of Planning, Kwinana Buffer Review Committee, recently reviewed the Kwinana Industrial air quality buffer in the vicinity of Alcoa's Residue Drying areas in relation to dust. However, the work of the committee did not extend to the wastewater plant. Consequently, the Department of Health has not been involved in any investigations concerning the wastewater plant.

The Department of Environment and Conservation and the Environmental Protection Agency have been investigating the odour issues associated with the wastewater plant.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I trust the information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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**DEPUTY PREMIER
MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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