

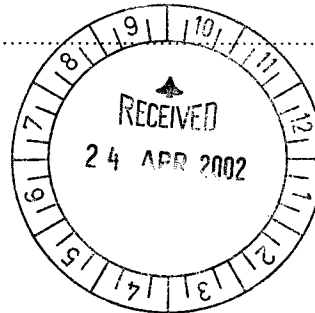
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Mr David Driscol
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Dear Mr Driscol,



Re: **Corrections to Submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry, Alcoa-Wagerup.**

1. Page 3. Paragraph 5, Line 4. Please insert the Quotes as I read from the submission. This was a direct quote from the memo tabled, ie. Basically it notes that “ he (Andy Hacking from the Australian Workers Union) indicated that around 30 people claim to have suffered adverse health impacts from the exposure to the emissions from the Kwinana liquor burner.”
2. Page 5. Paragraph 1, Line 3. 457 not 46. 457 was the number read from the submission.
3. Page 5. Paragraph 5, Line 8. For clarity please remove ‘genuineness of their reporting’ and substitute the word ‘report’, to read – certainly not reflected in the report.
4. Page 8. Paragraph 3, Line 1. Please remove these quotes, as they are not the exact words used by Alcoa. What I said was intended to reflect the spirit of what happened. It should read –

Dr Hay agreed with me and told me that they would remove him out of that environment; and yes, that was the thing to do. That did not happen. Management stepped in and their actions said to me - no, we are not going to put this patient out of this environment, we will leave the patient in the environment. And he stayed there.

or alternatively

Dr Hay agreed with me and told me that he would move him out of that environment. Management stepped in and refused to move him from that environment, and he stayed there.

5. Page 8. Paragraph 7, Line 1. For clarity please insert the words ‘that demonstrate that’ so as to read – studies in the medical literature that demonstrate that nine years down the track.
6. Page 9. Paragraph 7, Line 2. I actually meant – other doctors in the eastern States who are reported to be experts in this area.

7. Page 9. Paragraph 7, Line 4. Please change 'a little' to 'very'. The tone of my voice and the intention actually meant Very. I found that very insulting
8. Page 9. Paragraph 7, Line 5. Please insert the word 'also'. That was also particularly unprofessional.
9. Page 9. Paragraph 7, Line 6. For clarity please change the word 'who' to 'and he'. This would then read 'I spoke to Dr Ken Hay and he agreed with'
10. Page 9. Paragraph 7, Line 7. For clarity Please change 'in certain manners' to 'in a certain manner'.
11. Page 9. Paragraph 7, Line 7. What I actually said or intended to convey was 'I spoke to Dr Ken Hay about two patients and he agreed with me that we should proceed in a certain manner with these patients. That was perhaps beyond his position as management stepped in and decided that others ways of
12. Page 9. Paragraph 11, Line 1. Spelling mistake. David Willett not Willard.
13. Page 10. Paragraph 3, Line 2. Spelling mistake David Willett not Willard.
14. Page 12. Paragraph 11, Line 6. To clarify please insert (the employer) to read – They (the employer) do not communicate with me about it.
15. Page 13. Paragraph 16, Line 3. In order to clarify this should read – reports from people who argue that this condition does not exist. Two such reports on patients unrelated to this issue came into my office this morning: one on a clerk who was exposed to pesticides and the other on a teacher
16. Page 16. Paragraph 1, Line 2.it was the Rio Declaration from the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

Please send me a copy of the corrected transcript.

Yours sincerely,



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