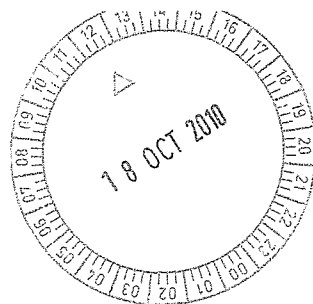


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Ms Linda Omar

Michelle and Jarrad Brookes

Committee Clerk

Standing Committee Environment/ Public Affairs

Legislative Council

To Linda

I am writing to you in regards to the impact that Cockburn Cement has had on myself and my family over the years and would like to put this submission to the Committee.

We have lived here for 10 years and have put up with the impact that Cockburn Cement and its operations have had on us for far too long. Now that there is finally an inquest into their operations there is some hope that something will be done for us the residents and people of this community.

The impact on us has been pretty substantial over the years. On many occasions we cannot entertain ourselves or others outside as the smell from odours is so bad that it burns your nostrils. It's definitely a strong odour that does irritate your nose and eyes and leaves a terrible taste in your mouth.

Just take one look at our plants outside; my roses and there petals are covered in white dust, our Sulo bins are covered in white dust, not to mention NEVER leave your car outside overnight as its covered in dust by the time its morning.

Our cars and that of a family member were recently parked outside and were covered in the dust from Cockburn Cement. It took her 4 hours to clean it and it still hasn't gotten rid of it. Just today my husband went to Cockburn Cement about the dust that we haven't been able to get off his car and there response was "to use something stronger to wash it off" Imagine what that is doing to our lungs breathing that in if you can't even wash it off your own car.

I have 3 small children who attend The South Coogee Primary School, what effect is it having on their health and the other children? You can definitely smell the odours from there.

Numerous times in the past we have called upon representatives from Cockburn Cement to come to our house and see the effect, on one occasion the staff member after showing her all the dust everywhere her response was to "get the hose and wash it off" Gee thanks for that!!

Hopefully something will happen and we the residents who have had enough will not have to live with this anymore.

Thanking you for you're time

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