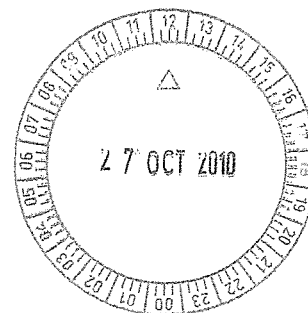


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Ms Linda Omar
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Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000



RE: LEGISLATIVE INQUIRY INTO COCKBURN CEMENT LTD – MUNSTER

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the effects of Cockburn Cement emissions on my family.

- On a daily basis we are subject to an acrid smell which often necessitates closing all doors and windows.
- The outdoor furniture requires cleaning down on a weekly basis as the fine dust builds up on the glass tabletop. This furniture is under a patio and protected from the elements and yet the fine white dust still manages to cover everything.
- I am concerned at the dust being ingested by my dog and possible health consequences. His water bowl is at the very back of the patio and yet is still covered in a fine dust within a few hours.
- I recently replaced the hot water system and while I would have preferred to install a solar unit I realised the roof panels would have quickly become inefficient with the build up of white dust. This consideration meant I had to forego a solar unit.

I understand that the plant was there when I moved into the area but I believe if the Government is allowing people to build houses near a cement plant they need to ensure people's health is not at risk. The emissions have certainly increased over the past ten years that I have lived here.

I would like to see The Department of Environment and Conservation require Cockburn Cement to immediately install a bag-house filter to Kiln 6 and continue to monitor dust emissions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nigel Pay".

Nigel Pay

24 October 2010