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To Cockburn Cement

I have lived in Spearwood for the past 12 years. There has always been a problem with dust and omissions, but in the last few years it has seemed to get worse.

One morning I woke up feeling really short on breath. When I went outside I could smell the horrible fumes. I like to sleep with my window open to get fresh air, but this is a worry knowing that Cockburn Cement lets off during the night.

My patio is hardly used, because my outdoor setting is always full of dust. I need to wash it off every day just to find it all dusty again by the evening. Also my car needs to be washed all the time and the paint is suffering.

Inside the house isn't much better, there is so much dust coming and one needs to wipe everything down constantly, if time permits.

I have asthma and lately my breathing has become worse, also both my children, in particular my older daughter has developed in the last year severe bronchitis. I also fear that my children living here since a young age will be adversely affected. Has Cockburn Cement ever bothered to conduct any studies on how this will affect people long term?

When working as a real estate agent, I was selling a house near the factory and the family of 4 living there all had breathing problems.

I want to see the Cockburn Cement Factory undertaking studies on health and environmental affects.

There doesn't seem to be enough filters and when driving by its clear to see how much yellow smoke is blown out the plant chimney. Also the new fuel that's used to burn smells terrible, worse than before. I often get a subtle but strange smell which makes me feel sick and gives me a burning on my tongue which indicates that there is something not right. I do have a chemical overload and are very sensitive to chemicals and that is how it shows.

This is the 21 Century and with global warming everyone and in particular big companies like Cockburn Cement need to get behind a cleaner production and should use a greener option.

Until than I want the Licence for Cockburn cement revoked.

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