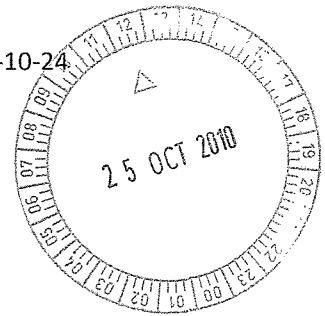


Committee Clerk Ms Linda Omar  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
Perth WA 6000

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Dear Madam,

**Re: Submission for Legislative Enquiry into Cockburn Cement – Munster**

- 1) It is blatantly obvious that there is a dust and odour problem affecting many residents of Beeliar, Yangebup and Munster as a result of the Cockburn Cement operations in Munster. These emissions also have a potential to cause significant health risks for all of those in close proximity to this facility. Exposure to dangerous micro particles is known to trigger respiratory disease and lung cancer and this risk can easily be lessened by installing filters to outlets at these facilities.

My property in Beeliar has a major problem with dust and this particularly affects the premises, vehicles and outdoor furniture. I have noticed a large increase in dust between two different properties in Yangebup and Beeliar with the Beeliar dust problem being significantly worse. A number of my family regularly wake up with respiratory symptoms such as blocked noses and sore throats, which may be contributed to the pollutants from Cockburn Cement.

- 2) The Cockburn Cement solution to install a filter on one of the kilns in two years time is a case of too little, too late. All of the outlets at the facility should have filters installed as soon as possible. Similar facilities in other parts of the world all have mandatory filters installed and there is no reason why this could not be achieved at Cockburn Cement. The current or planned actions to address the concerns are therefore totally inadequate.
- 3) The process and amending of licences should not proceed until these concerns are addressed. Cockburn Council and the Department of Environment and Conservation have a duty of care to ensure that residents surrounding this facility do not breathe polluted air and the health risk from these emissions is minimised by the installation of bag-house filters on all outlets at Cockburn Cement as soon as possible.

I do not wish to appear before the committee to explain or elaborate this submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Cahill".

Christopher Cahill