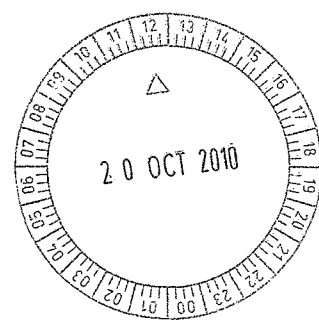


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17 October 2010

DW&M Mason

Peter Vasel  
Manager – Works approval & Emissions Licensing Section  
Department Of Environment and Conservation

Hi Peter Vasel,

I am writing this short letter to inform you about the effects that Cockburn Cement has on my property and health and to schedule a meeting with you to come out to my residence so that I can show you the documents and damage first hand.

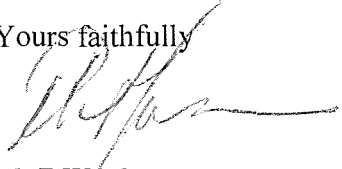
I have lived at my residence for the past 27 years and during this period we have sustained regular fallout of both pollution and emissions of which have caused damaged both to our property and health . Examples of this is the lime dust and coal fumes that cause the following damage to our health water eyes sore throats and even blood noses that have been endured both by us and our grand children, Plus with the pressures with homes of today going Solar Power to reduce the carbon footprint we are unable to look at this option due to the solar panels being clogged and masked with there fallout.

I have both photos and documentation to back this up and when viewing this you will see that over the years I have been trying to make it know through both the local council and members of parliament the DEC and also Cockburn Cement but I have been hitting walls and getting no help in regards to the issues at hand. I have included some examples with this letter.

We have read the new license and are in the opinion that it has been drawn up to suit Cockburn Cement and not to help the residences that surround them that are enduring the damage and pollution that is generated by Cockburn Cement.

The processes and procedures for them to clean up the damage that they are creating should be created and enforced and if they fail to follow these procedures they should be heavily fined for as we are concerned they have been getting away with this far to long and haven't been held accountable for there action and they are just more concerned about increasing there facility and production.

I look forward to meeting you to show you first hand what impact this has on us

Yours faithfully  
  
Mr DW/Mason

12 September 2010

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Re: Draft Licence for Cockburn Cement

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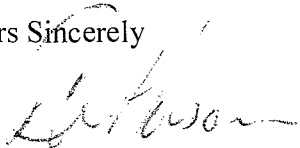
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I hope this helps with your decision in making the new licence

Yours Sincerely



Mr D W Mason

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12 September 2010

Fran Logan  
230 Cockburn Gateway Shopping Centre  
Cnr Beeliar Dr & Wentworth Pde  
Success WA 6964

Attention: Fran Logan

To Fran Logan

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D W Mason', with a stylized, flowing script.

Mr D W Mason

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# Mop's tops in dust storm

## Cement fallout

By **TREVOR  
PADDENBURG**

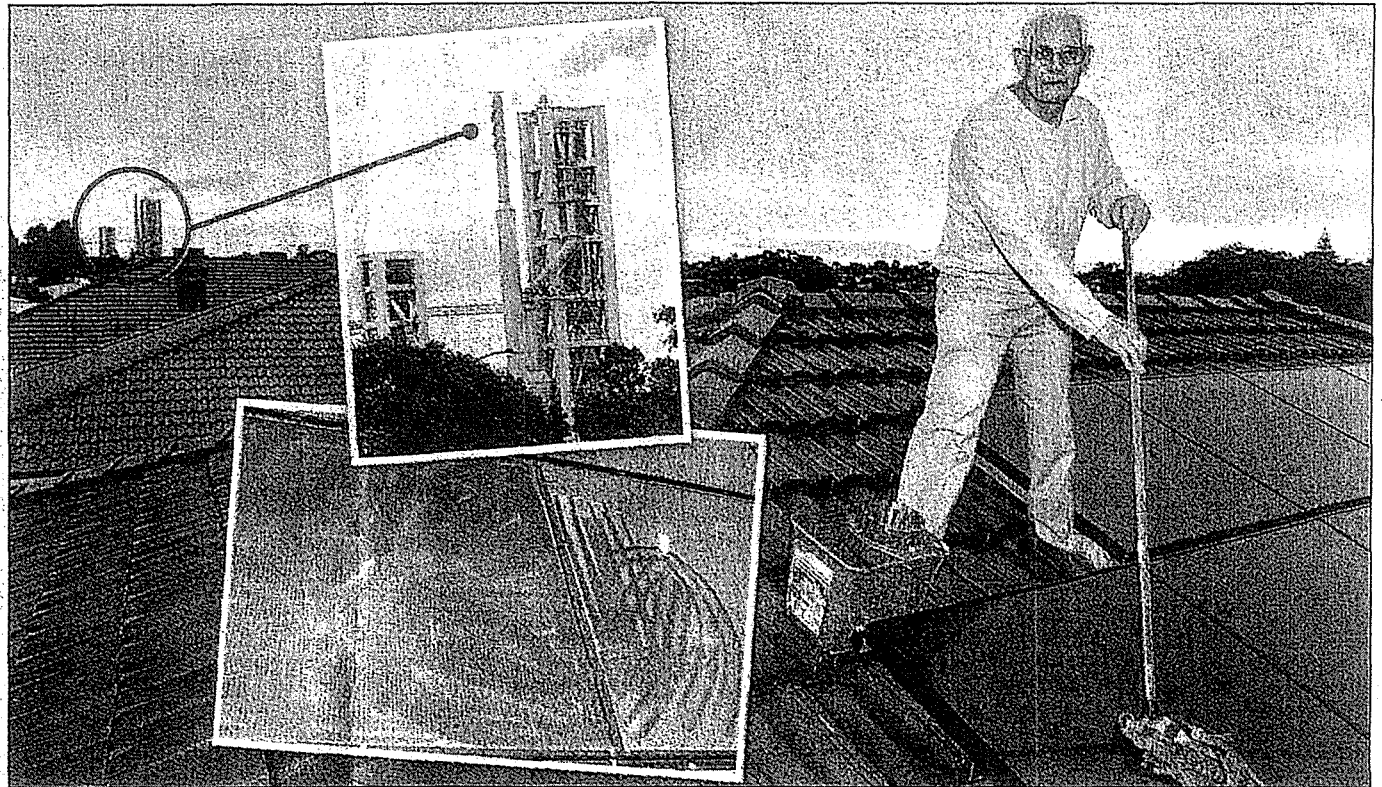
A WA pensioner — armed with a mop — is at the centre of a David versus Goliath battle over industrial pollution in Perth's southern suburbs.

Beellar resident Joe Piu vowed to drag "callous" Cockburn Cement chiefs into court to face accusations the company is showering hundreds of homes as well as neighbourhood parks and

he would use his remaining years to make the company accountable, even if it involved a protracted court battle.

His vow comes after hundreds of residents wielding placards last month staged a rally outside the plant to protest against the alleged pollution.

Residents want the State Government to take action against the plant operators for smothering nearby communities in foul odours and toxic dust,



**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF:** Joe Piu mops a solar roof panel to clean cement dust that he claims has come from the Cockburn Cement plant, circled and top. Inset: How the dust affects the solar panels. Main picture: STEWART ALLEN

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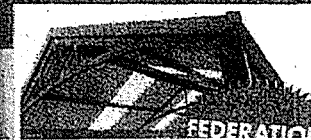
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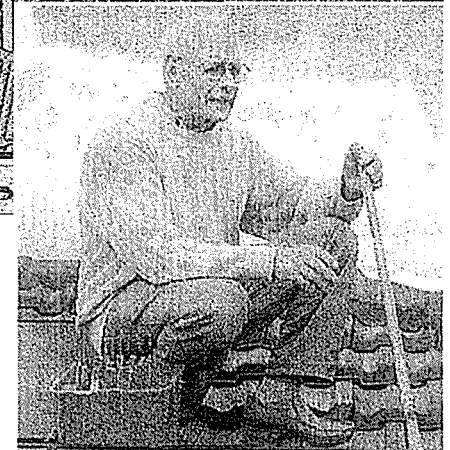
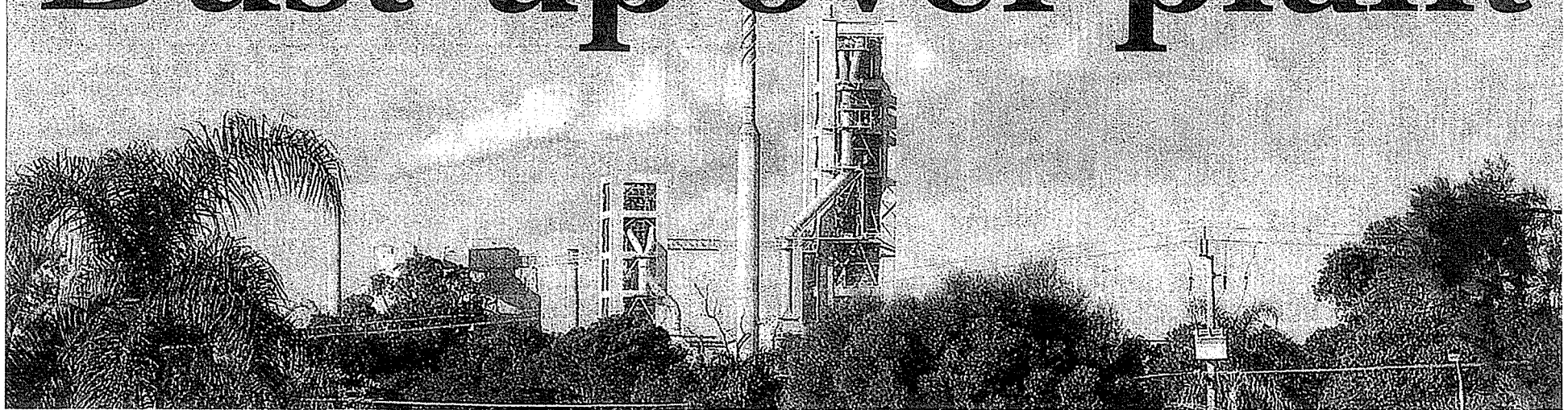
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# Dust-up over plant



**Main picture: Plumes from the Cockburn Cement Limited plant. Left: Gino Dilazzaro says dust has covered his caravan's awning. Centre: Natasha and Jaxon Rudge and Robyn and Allisha Bird blame the plant for health issues. Right: Joe Piu has to climb onto his roof to clean dust from his solar panels. Main image: Natasha Rudge. Other pictures: Laura Tomlinson**

By LAURA TOMLINSON

A POWER failure at Cockburn Cement Limited (CCL) sent plumes of dust into the air last week, prompting a Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) investigation and demands from residents that the company "clean up its act".

CCL WA/NT operations manager Darin Strange said that at 8.30am on Monday,

several minutes. He said ESPs – metal plates that attract dust through an electric current – could trip because of power surges.

"The proposed bag filter will help to prevent much of this problem as it operates very differently and does not rely on the electric current to attract dust," he said.

However, the \$20 million proposed bag filter – which will not be operational for

Beeliar resident Joe Piu said it was not enough.

"We moved from Melbourne in 2009; it looked like a nice place with nice neighbours, beautiful gardens and schools," he said.

Mr Piu said he did not think about the facility until he installed \$5000 worth of solar panels. He now has to climb on to the roof to clean off cement and lime dust.

Gino Dilazzaro from South Coo Flower Market in Munster said he was concerned the dust could be corrosive.

Mr Dilazzaro recently erected a new awning for his vintage caravan, but within two days it was covered in dust.

Beeliar resident Natasha Rudge said her family had health problems, including sores inside their noses, allergies, eczema and blood noses, which stopped only with

# Damage dust-up

By ANNE GARTNER

A BEELIAR resident is calling for action from Cockburn Cement and environmental authorities following increased fallout from the Cockburn Cement site.

Keith Lomax said dust fallout from the Munster site had always occurred in the area but it had gradually been getting worse over the past year.

"I have been living here for between seven and 10 years and this last year, it has been getting worse and worse," he said.

"I am not opposed to industry in any way but the fallout is getting worse."

According to Cockburn Cement, fallout from the stacks primarily consisted of burnt shells and particles and was no risk to people.

However, Mr Lomax said the dust still affected the cars in the street and residents needed to wash their cars regularly.

Fellow resident Dennis Mason claimed Cockburn Cement was not doing enough to clean up the mess.

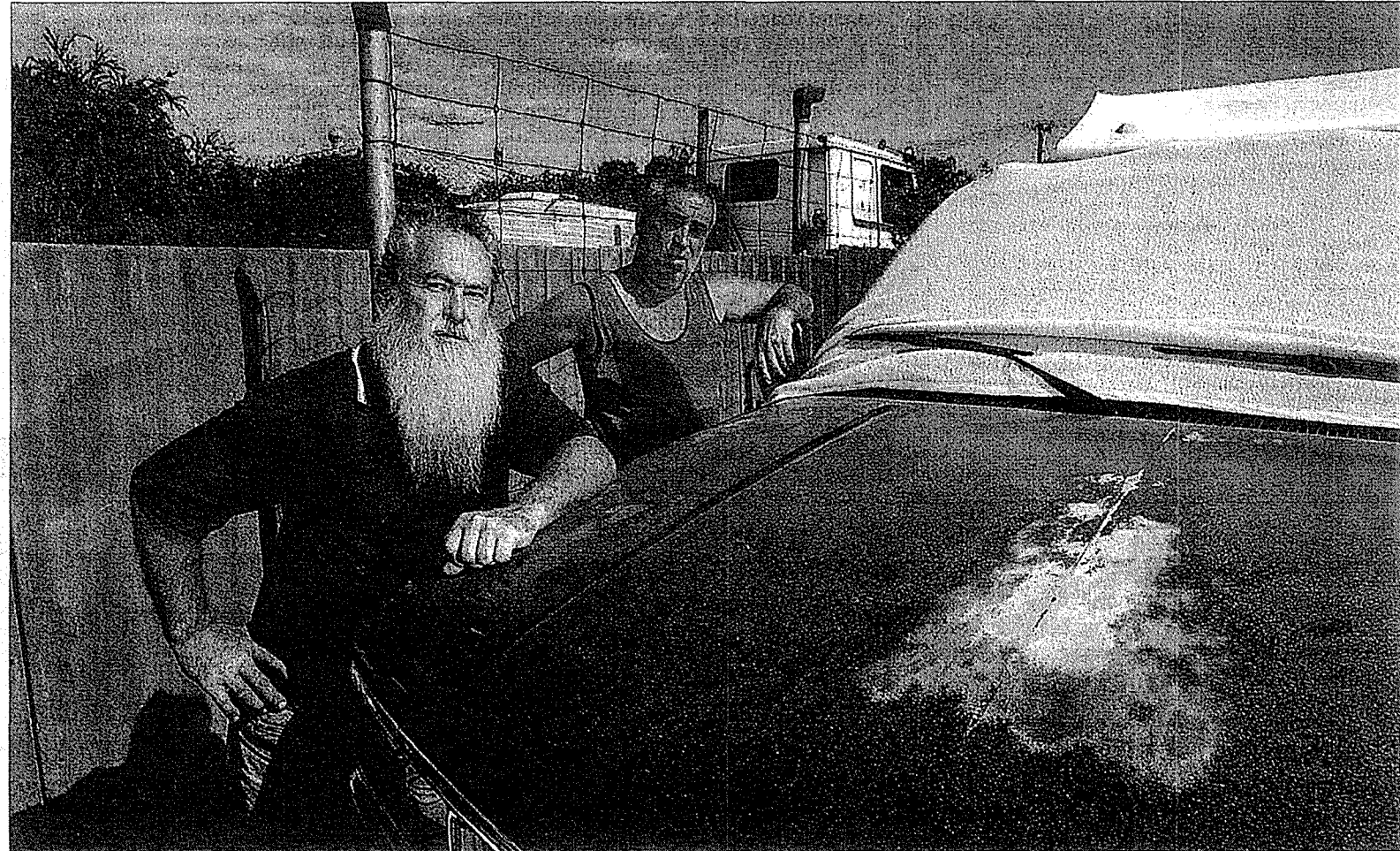
"They used to send people out to clean and polish cars, now they don't want to," he said.

Mr Lomax and Mr Mason said they were given a \$15 BP voucher each to clean their cars.

"I have three trucks and three cars, what am I going to do with one \$15 BP voucher?" Mr Lomax asked.

They also claim the site emits a strong odour.

Cockburn Cement general manager of operations Derrin Strange said local residents who



**Dennis Mason and Keith Lomax with Dennis' car, which he believes was damaged by discharge from Cockburn Cement falling onto their properties.** Picture: Marie Nirme

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should report the incident to Cockburn Cement for investigation.

"Residents are also able to use the vehicle wash at the Munster site at the same time to clean their vehicles," he said.

However, he said more dust was common at this time of year

called temperature inversion.

"(It) forces dust that would normally disperse from the stacks back towards the ground in areas near to the Munster plant," he said.

"The emissions from the Munster site remain well below the limits established in the plant's

international health guidelines."

Information provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation highlighted that it was aware of community concerns about the fallout.

The department said that dust emissions were permitted under Cockburn Cement's licence and would be reviewed when the licence went up for renewal in March this year.

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January 20th 2009