



**Minister for Planning; Culture & the Arts; Science & Innovation
Government of Western Australia**

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Dear Mr Puccio and Mr McDonald

ALCOA WAGERUP REFINERY - INDUSTRIAL BUFFER ZONE

Thank you for your letter dated 1 February 2012 requesting a buffer be established around Alcoa's Wagerup Alumina Refinery.

I note your suggestion that a 10 kilometre buffer be implemented immediately at the refinery due to the existence of a power generation plant on site. Under current town planning policies, including *State Planning Policy 4.1: State Industrial Buffers*, it is not mandatory for land use buffers to be established around infrastructure, such as power generation plants.

As outlined in my recent letter to Mr and Mrs King, the Department of Planning has sought advice from the Department of Health (DoH) and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) regarding the following important considerations relating to the buffer:

- criteria that would be used to define its spatial extent;
- health and environmental objectives that are to be achieved through town planning controls within the buffer;
- land use planning implications; and
- community implications.

Upon receipt of the requested information from the DoH and subsequently the EPA, the Department of Planning will give further consideration to the need for a formalised buffer at Wagerup.

Yours sincerely

**JOHN DAY
MINISTER FOR PLANNING;
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