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Dear Mr Belda

In our continuing commitment to keep appropriate parties up-to-date on the situation between Alcoa and the community of Yarloop, as well as our activities, we have enclosed materials for your perusal.

As the problems between your company and the community have been going on for eight years, we would like to soon see some rectification or resolution occur. We acknowledge that Alcoa would like to expedite their Wagerup expansion. Equally, the people in the community would like to get on with their lives. Alcoa has impacted on the environment, and the physical and social health of the community, and will further impact when the expansion goes ahead.

In 2002-3, we discussed our concerns and proposals with Ann Whitty, the former refinery manager at Wagerup. Ms Whitty was interested in our ideas and had planned to meet further with us. However, soon thereafter she was replaced in the organisation, and the mood of communication changed. CAPS has tabled a proposal with current state and local Alcoa administration, though no one with any decision making power has been willing to discuss our concerns with us at any length. Instead, Alcoa has created situations for community members to "communicate" their concerns in arenas totally controlled and choreographed by Alcoa's terms. Scenarios such as this continue to disempower and manipulate the community members so that Alcoa can meet their own goals. Alcoa seems to have forgotten that the community was here first.

We have also been meeting with the local and State government to promote our win-win proposal. We have made it clear that we do not desire Alcoa to be shut down. We acknowledge the company's need to expand. At the same time, our community has suffered due to pollution-induced health problems, and the social fabric has been destroyed by Alcoa's land management procedures. We need to meet on equal terms and create an equitable situation. We believe our proposal offers an opportunity for all parties to benefit and exist harmoniously. If Alcoa would support this proposal, it would reflect positively on Alcoa's reputation worldwide as an innovator in community and regional development.

If you should have any questions, or would like to further discuss this information or the CAPS proposal, please feel free to contact us at the address above.

Yours truly,

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