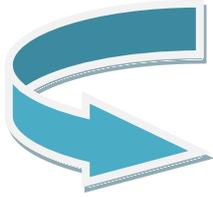


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Dear Minister Day

In your letter of 23rd January to Mr & Mrs King of Yarloop, you provided a list of reasons why there is no Industrial Buffer Zone around the ALCOA Wagerup refinery.

Your reasons include there being no legislative requirement under the 1961 Act, nor any requirement in the EPA approvals of 1986, and under State Planning Policy 4.1: State Industrial Buffers, it is not mandatory for a buffer to be established at Wagerup.

All of these reasons date long before much was known about the adverse effects of the operations of the Wagerup refinery. ALCOA have failed to control noise, air pollution and dust emissions from the facility and their efforts to create an informal buffer have resulted in an economic disaster in surrounding communities.

The DEC's LIDAR monitoring reports have tracked emissions from the refinery to the Yarloop area, industrial noise limits are regularly exceeded and toxic dust emissions from their residue storage areas are common, resulting in prosecutions by the DEC.

There exists a mandatory requirement for a buffer zone around any power generation site. Hidden within the footprint of the Wagerup refinery is a co-generation plant producing some 350 Mw with a capacity of 480 Mw, which can be expanded further to 700 Mw. A 10km buffer should be implemented immediately and people moved out of harm's way and compensated for costs.

Subsequently, the steps to issue of a formal buffer for the refinery itself can then be taken to the DoH and EPA for advice and consultations with local government. Meanwhile the impacted residents are protected from further harm as this bureaucratic process grinds along, hopefully taking more recent environmental data into consideration than that from 1961 and 1986.

Yarloop

Warroona

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Harvey

Cookernup

Wagerup

Other
Impacted
Areas

Many of the issues surrounding the Wagerup operations are soon to come to a head and it might be advisable for the Government and its Ministers to be seen by the electorate to be doing something positive for the community before it's too late.

We thank you for your attention, in anticipation of an early reply.

Yours sincerely

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