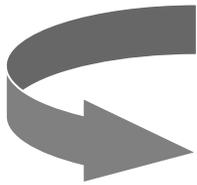


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Hon Eric Ripper MLA
Deputy Premier; Treasurer;
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Dear Deputy Premier

Supplementary Property Purchase Program

I refer to your letter of 28 March 2007 regarding the above Program. Our group is surprised that the Deed of Undertaking agreed between Alcoa and the State Government has not been presented to the Parliament as a variation to the State Agreement Act that provided for the establishment of the Alcoa Wagerup Refinery.

We note that the Agreement Act has been amended on previous occasions and expected that any agreement dealing with community health and relocation issues would have been regarded as being important enough to warrant the introduction of a Bill to vary the existing Agreement Act. CAPS is disappointed that the instrument which deals with these issues, which are of such importance for our community, is not able to be fully debated in Parliament.

Further, we understand that a variation of the current State Agreement is required in any case before the capacity of the Wagerup Refinery can be expanded beyond 4 million tonnes of alumina per annum. Can you confirm that this is the case, and indicate when this variation is to be brought before the Parliament? Can you also explain why the State Agreement could not be amended at the same time to incorporate the obligations in the Deed of Undertaking?

One matter of particular concern to CAPS members is the rumour that Alcoa would be permitted by the State Government to increase its production at the Wagerup Refinery to 6 million tones of alumina per annum without any requirement for a variation to the Deed of Undertaking. This contradicts the reference in Recital B of the Deed of Undertaking that the Refinery capacity be raised to 4.7 million tonnes. CAPS would appreciate clarification of this matter as we would be most concerned if the Wagerup Refinery was able to go beyond the tonnage mentioned in the Deed of Undertaking.

The areas of concern for CAPS and the community we represent have in no way diminished after reading the correspondence received from the Premier and other Government Ministers. There is no tangible evidence to show that the serious matters raised in our letters have been addressed. No further progress has been made on the establishment of a buffer zone around the Refinery, there is no recognition of the special

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needs of affected residents and nor is there any surety that the environmental standards set by Government will be complied with or enforced when there is non compliance.

Yours truly,

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