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Dear Sirs

ALCOA, WAGERUP REFINERY AND COGENERATION PLANT

Thank you for your recent correspondence. I do appreciate your concerns.

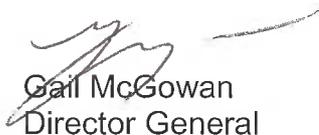
The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) can implement buffers through various planning mechanisms. But neither the WAPC nor the Department of Planning (DoP) have the necessary technical expertise to determine the size or scope of buffers. This advice is provided by the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) and the Department of Health (DoH).

My Department has engaged with DER and DoH over the past two years to seek more information and advice on separation distances and public health around the Alcoa Wagerup Refinery. The Environmental Protection Agency's Bulletins 1215 and 1223 of 2006 were prepared in response to Alcoa's licence application to increase production at this plant to 4.7 mtpa and the construction of a Co-Generation Plant. They provide specific advice on the proposed separation distances and environmental conditions that Alcoa and Alinta must undertake to meet their licence approvals. Concerns regarding the doubling of emissions and noise levels are addressed in these Bulletins. DoH has also undertaken a public health survey in Yarloop and provided advice on major health issues in the area.

DoP Officers have engaged with a number of key agency stakeholders regarding Wagerup and will provide advice to the WAPC which addresses all planning issues around landuse in Yarloop.

My Department will advise you of any WAPC decision on this matter. Please contact Mike Schramm 9791 0577 if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely



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