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Dear Ms. McGowan

Thank you for your response to our letter of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 regarding the Alcoa Wagerup Co-generation Plant and the need for a buffer around this facility.

Our reference to the Piggery was made to illustrate the anomaly between there being a requirement for a buffer zone for this agricultural facility, which may produce possible odour and noise, and a Power Generation Plant which produces something more dangerous than odour. This Power Generation Plant, currently operating at Wagerup and set to expand along with the refinery, will more than double the noise pollution and the range of emissions, including PM 2.5, all hazardous to the health of the local community. At present there is no buffer zone in place.

Can you please advise why the DER, and not the DoP, is responsible for setting a buffer for the Co-generation Plant, especially as the plant impacts the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme (GBRS) which covers the area south of the plant which would become part of any buffer?

We have met with both Mike Schramm and Bob Meredith of Department of Planning (DoP) on a number of occasions to discuss this issue. They advised that they were unable to complete the GBRS until the land use issues affected by a buffer around this plant are settled. They also indicated that with no buffer line in place, there is no point in further discussion.

In order to gain some insight into the history of the Wagerup Buffer, and the need for such, we suggest, that you read:

1. Greater Bunbury Strategy 2011
2. CRCCARE Report 1101 0506 (2009)

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Again, we thank you for your attention and in anticipation of an early reply.

Yours sincerely

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