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Dear Messrs Puccio and McDonald

WAGERUP REFINERY BUFFER ZONE

Thank you for your letter dated 20 May 2015 seeking clarification on the Department of Environment Regulation's (DER) role on the establishment of a buffer zone around the Alcoa of Australia Limited Wagerup Alumina Refinery.

Matters of zoning and land use around the Wagerup Alumina Refinery (including the establishment of buffer zones) are dealt with primarily by land use planning agencies including the Department of Planning (DoP) and Western Australian Planning Commission.

DER provides formal advice to planning agencies for the Wagerup Refinery, to inform land use planning matters. DER's role is advisory and it does not make determinations on these matters. DER understands that DoP's South West Region can be contacted for land use and zoning matters relating to the Wagerup Alumina Refinery.

In relation to accessing DER records, further information on how to access records is available on the Department's website at www.der.wa.gov.au/about-us/legislation/freedom-of-information.

Yours sincerely


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cc: Ms G McGowan, Director General, Department of Planning
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