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Dear Mr and Mrs Cockerham

ALCOA WAGERUP NOISE AMELIORATION PLAN CONSULTATION

I refer to your letter dated 22 August 2014 regarding the draft Department of Environment Regulation (DER) report on the consultation outcomes on the Wagerup Alumina Refinery Noise Amelioration Plan. Comments on the draft report have been noted and will be taken into consideration in the finalisation of the report.

Your comments regarding DER's former Principal Noise Regulation Officer, Mr John Macpherson, have also been noted. Mr Macpherson, who is no longer with DER, was the premier environmental noise officer for the State, and an engineer and scientist with many years' experience in the field of acoustics. There is no basis to consider that there was any serious conflict of interest or bias in Mr Macpherson preparing the draft report.

The draft report was dated and presented to stakeholders the day before the meeting on 20 August 2014, and was expressly prepared in time to provide a prior indication of my intended response on the consultation.

Yours sincerely


Jason Banks
DIRECTOR GENERAL

15 September 2014