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Dear Messrs Puccio and McDonald

## **PARTICULATE EMISSIONS**

Thank you for your letter dated 27 April 2015 in response to my letter of 30 March 2015.

The Department of Environment Regulation (DER) considers it has adequately addressed many of the issues raised in your letter in previous correspondence.

My letter of 30 March 2015 provided guidance on accessing contaminated sites information, the National Pollution Inventory and regulation of particulate emissions from Alcoa's Wagerup Refinery (the Refinery). DER considers it has responded accordingly to these matters.

In relation to your detailed requests regarding regulation and assessment of individual pollutants, I wish to reiterate DER's roles and responsibilities in regulating the Refinery. DER is responsible for regulating emissions and discharges and ensuring compliance with the provisions of relevant environmental legislation. The points raised in your letter have been assessed by the Department in previous works approvals and licence amendments relating to the Refinery.

As a stakeholder on the Refinery licence (L6217/1983/15), DER has consulted with you on each of these applications and provided information regarding the assessment. You will also be notified of any future applications for licences and works approvals and invited again to make specific comment.

I consider it unnecessary to revisit previous assessments at this time and would consider the upcoming expiry (12 November 2015) of Alcoa's Wagerup Alumina Refinery licence as the appropriate juncture for you to make a submission regarding the assessment process. In the interim, should you have immediate concerns in relation to pollution or emissions from the Refinery, please contact the Pollution Watch Hotline on 1300 784 782 to report your concerns.

Should you have any further queries, please contact DER's Senior Licensing Officer – Licensing and Approvals, Mr Chris Malley, on 9333 7484 or by email at [chris.malley@der.wa.gov.au](mailto:chris.malley@der.wa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

  
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