



Hon Albert Jacob MLA
Minister for Environment; Heritage

Our Ref: 50-10848

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Dear Mr and Mrs Cockerham

I refer to your further letter dated 26 October 2015 regarding noise emissions from the Alcoa Wagerup Refinery. I requested further advice from the Department of Environment Regulation before responding to you. I understand that you feel aggrieved by your decision to sell your former property.

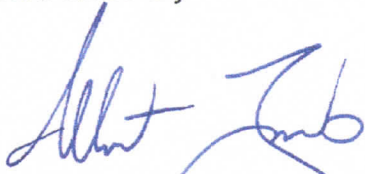
In relation to the points you raise, I am advised that:

- The sale of your former property was a matter between yourself and the purchaser. The offer made, and the basis of that offer, including whether or not your property was to be considered "noise-affected", was not determined by the State or its agents.
- The Department of Environment Regulation (the DER) does not hold any records of noise monitoring measurements undertaken by the DER or the then Department of Environment and Conservation at your former residence in Yarloop. Despite extensive searching, the DER is unable to locate any data that indicates the area near your former residence, situated south of the area defined by Alcoa as Area A, is, or was, "noise-affected", as defined under the *Environmental Protection (Wagerup Alumina Refinery Noise Emissions) Approval 2012*, as amended.
- As you are aware, the DER does hold noise monitoring data from 2012, which indicates that the area south of Alcoa's Area A is not "noise-affected". The report of this monitoring is available at <http://www.der.wa.gov.au/images/documents/your-environment/noise/ALCOA-refinery-noise-monitoring-report.pdf>.

I do not consider that the State is liable to pay you any compensation as a consequence of you accepting the price determined and offered by the purchaser to acquire your property.

As there has been extensive correspondence to you by me and the Department on these matters, no further correspondence will be entered into.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Jacob". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Albert Jacob MLA
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; HERITAGE

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