



Premier of Western Australia

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Mr Vince Puccio
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Dear Mr Puccio 

Thank you for your email of 29 March 2017 and your congratulations on the outcome of the 2017 State Election.

I understand your concerns regarding the recovery of Yarloop following January 2017's devastating bushfires. The State Government has completed the clean-up of affected residences, public open spaces and vegetation in Yarloop. Further, to assist with the recovery of Yarloop, the State has:

- funded a Bushfire Attack Level Contour Map for the community;
- paid \$25,000 to the Shire towards the development of a town plan; and
- agreed to contribute to the construction of the Shire's planned Community Centre.

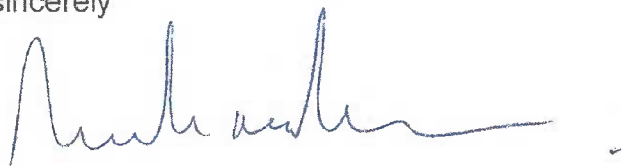
Responsibility for the recovery of the Yarloop community has now transitioned to the Shire of Harvey. However, the State Government will continue to be supportive of the recovery of areas affected by the bushfires.

It is my understanding that consultation undertaken by the State Recovery Team identified that the decisions of only a small portion of the local community were influenced by the operation of the Wagerup refinery.

Alcoa operates the Wagerup refinery in accordance with the *Alumina Refinery (Wagerup) Agreement and Acts Amendment Act 1978* (State Agreement) and the 2002 Wagerup Alumina Refinery Land Management Plan. I am satisfied that these arrangements are suitable safeguards for the areas surrounding the refinery.

Unfortunately on this occasion I am unavailable to meet with you due to my current commitments. However, I wish to thank you for bringing these matters to my attention and for your continued advocacy for your local community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark McGowan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark McGowan MLA
PREMIER

22 MAY 2017