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Dear Mr Rowe,

Thank you for your reply to our last correspondence. It is quite obvious that despite a change of both Government and Departmental leadership, the same culture of denial persists in both areas regarding the issues of the adverse effect that the Alcoa Wagerup facility has had and continues having to this day on the surrounding community.

You say that you have “Considered information on the Departments records” including our correspondence with the Former DG. We refuse to acknowledge your assertion that the Department is not the appropriate authority to determine or resolve our claim.

If you had taken the time to obtain a copy of the 1995 EPA report by Mr. Macpherson we pointed you to, illustrating his total about face on the noise issue, you must now conclude the obvious. That the Department was complicit and responsible for allowing Alcoa to set an inappropriate buffer zone (Area A), based on a purely financial basis. Thus denying any number of affected people their rightful compensation and subjecting them to continue suffering the well documented serious adverse health effects of chemical emissions and sleep deprivation caused by the proximity of their homes to the Wagerup refinery. Remember the Department could not produce any evidence of noise or emissions testing to support their claims and disprove ours, they just chose to ignore us.

It is now time for someone to be honest, admit the lies, put the record straight and compensate those who they have cheated for so long. If there is to be any resolution through legal proceedings, those will likely be in a class action against the State Government, the Department and /or its Officers.

Once again we ask that you look at the wealth of evidence provided over the years and provide a fair solution.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely, T.A. & S.M. Cockerham