

June 2026

Hon Roger Cook MLA,

Premier; Minister for State Development;

Dumas House, 2 Havelock Street, West Perth, WA 6005

Dear Premier,

I, _____ of _____ write to you to express my concern at the recently announced revocation of the 2023 Exemption Order that was applied to ALCOA. The announced intention to immediately replace that Exemption Order with another one that will permit ALCOA to continue mining smacks of political arrogance and disdain for the people in your electorates and others in the State.

ALCOA is currently permitted to strip mine at least 800 hectares per annum and destroy tens of thousands of mature Northern Jarrah Forest trees on which our fauna and flora rely. The strip-mining process removes the bauxite layer on which multiple vegetation complexes have evolved over millions of years. Contrary to ALCOA's claims, it has been scientifically proven that it is not possible to restore a functional Jarrah Forest once this mining process has been completed.

Despite these validated findings, the Government - and its agencies - have abjectly failed to hold ALCOA to account for its mining methods and failed rehabilitation processes.

It is not only the Jarrah Forest that is at risk!

It is NOT acceptable that the very organisations charged with caring for and ensuring compliance with conditions are failing to protect our drinking water sources, cultural heritage, areas of high conservation value, nesting and food sources for our unique, and now endangered, fauna species.

The 2023 Exemption Order has failed to safeguard our water sources and the Jarrah Forest!

NO exemption should be put in place without appropriate consultation with the communities that are at risk, the experts required for the critical evaluation of the conditions required to safeguard the Jarrah Forest and the requisite expertise and personnel within the State agencies that are capable of enforcing those conditions.

Yours sincerely,