



**Diane Pietersen has lived in Hime Street since 1974.**

"We were here before Hosaf and yet every morning I wake up and look at the plant. They say they give our people jobs but does that make it right that we must suffer with noise and smell. My daughter's eyes get red and itch and there is no explanation for it. This is no way to live!"



**Uncle Sam is a community volunteer.**

"It would seem that Hosaf is very crafty. They release their stink onto us with a variety of smells. At night while we sleep the pungency is particularly high. I will not forget in the 80s when a worker was killed by the chemicals and we now know that some of the workers have developed cancer.



**Joyce Bartman has lived in Hime Street for 35 years, operating a shop for the past 6 years.**

"We find a grey oily dust on our windows, cars and washing. The scary thing is we do not even know what it is. It blows directly from Hosaf. When we cook we lose our appetites as the food smell mixes with a horrible chemical smell. My 10 year old grandchild suffers with eczema. Valuable school time is lost. I don't think that the profit making industry understands just how it really affects people."



**Vanessa Blackburn has lived in Hime Street for 22 years.**

"We will never forget the time in 1994 when my son was affected by the Lindane chemical at the site when Chemico was recycling Engen's waste right here on our doorstep without us knowing. The children consumed the chemical and had to be hospitalized. Today the side effects of that horrible time are still evident. When Hosaf Fibres purchased the land we were promised a Trust Fund. Today we are idiots because we do not know anything and our community leaders have not fought for us. Some leaders who have taken up our cause have been lied to and this is obvious to us who know the history. Hosaf needs to learn its social responsibility."

**Audrey Stoffles is a concerned resident.**

"There have been two big pollution incidents this year. And it seems that the Asthma is getting worse. 10 in 12 flats will tell you that there is someone with Asthma. The last time Hosaf was developing something they called us to a meeting. Now we see the crane, we smell the impurities and we hear the rattling pipes – but we know nothing."



**Cathy van Wyk has lived in Hime Street for 25 years.**

"As a nurse I work the night shift. I come home and try to sleep between 10am and 3pm but I can not at many times due to the noise. This seems to be a lifetime problem. It is a terrible thought that we are actually getting used to living like this. We know of four worker's that have died of stomach cancer. I keep on wondering how long it will be until our people start dying in large numbers. Maybe then our government and these industries will listen."



**Rosaline is 102 years old**

and is forced to live with Hosaf's effects. She is lucky to have survived the high pollution levels but worries about her many grand and great-grand children who must now breathe the poisonous atmosphere.

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