

We the Dalton Community and District Association OBJECT to the application to extend the lapse date of the Dalton NSW(DPP) MOD1

We are writing on behalf of the Dalton Community Association to highlight what a great town Dalton is to live in.

Dalton currently has a local pub where families and members of the community come together to socialize and catch up with friends.

A Post Office/General Store where you can go to catch up on any local gossip, pay bills, postage solutions and general grocery items.

Petrol Station & Mechanical workshop is part of the community and has been in the same family for generations. This business is always very busy.

Local primary school, founded in 1878, has had numbers grow over the last few years due to the new families moving into the area seeking out that clean country air to bring them up in and not the pollution in the cities and what will come from the proposed Gas Power plant.

2 Local church's with mass being held each week.

2 halls currently in use for community events held weekly, plus the hall association has received a grant for the restoration for the Historical Dalton Hall.

The Local Fire brigade made up of locals who volunteer to help with fires around the area as well as helping out within the local community.

Over the last 3 to 4 years there has been an significant growth in population in Dalton due to new families moving into the town, plus couples seeking out that clean country living for themselves and their families with some of them traveling to the surrounding areas for work and to now be told that a Gas fire plant, that AGL intends to build and will spoil that clean country air they have moved here for, the noise brought by it together with their property values will decrease.

Roads in and out of our town as well as Gunning are not great at the best of times and we as locals rely heavily on the Dalton- Gunning road as it is the main access to Goulburn, Sydney and Canberra.

Loop Road is used by Children and Adults to walk, ride bikes, ride horses, as currently it is a very safe road to travel on. This will be taken

away from the community with trucks traveling up and down there. Walsh's road opens up for access to new families which have moved to the area and purchased small hobbies farms; this as well will restrict access for them.

The noise, how will this affect the town's children and elderly as part of the children's school learning is to experience the outdoor life. The local school bus travels along the Gunning road to pick up local children to bring to the school. The older community are very fearful of not knowing what to do as they have lived here all of their lives, with their homes being either their parents or grandparents home plus there is a long line of generations and history in their homes which will be lost with AGL. Support by the local Community Nurse which comes in from Gunning and if they are required to attend someone in our community being delayed could greatly affect their health. What will happen to our elderly residents if they have to move or relocate because of the DPP, Does AGL care!

Some other Points

- AGL has had five years within which to make a decision to start building the power plant and it has chosen not to do it in this time
- AGL has shown no commitments to the community in the last five years. AGL is a landowner here yet it has contributed nothing to the Dalton community since becoming a landowner here.
- There are new environmental concerns. The area has recently been identified as an environmental hotspot with the recent finding of the southern pigmy perch and the yellow spotted southern bell frog in our water ways. The frog was thought gone for thirty years. A power plant will surely threaten these two endangered species.
- Fault line running through Dalton
- Noise generated by the plant is a huge issue.
- Since the AGL announcement to suspend the DPP project the village of Dalton has grown. Families have moved here with no knowledge of the proposed plans by AGL.
- People have made financial decisions about buying property and building in our community since the AGL announcement in October 2012. An extension of time for AGL would only serve to leave a cloud of concern and fear hanging over the new community members for the next two years.
- Dalton is a farming community and a tourist community and is growing.
- People come here to experience a peaceful quiet country village. They will not come here, or stay if the village is overshadowed by a

power plant spewing toxins into our air, our waterways and our country side. If we lose our reputation as a place of peaceful tranquillity then we will lose the people who want to live here and the people who want to visit. If we lose our people and our tourists then we lose our businesses and our jobs, our schools. We will lose our community and healthy lifestyle

Dalton Community Association are very concerned about the impacts that the GAS fired plant that AGL proposed to build within 3 to 4 klms from our township will have on our Community. The last few months we have applied for grants for various projects for our town to help beatify and improve it. This threat from AGL hanging over Dalton and if it was to go ahead Dalton would cease to do the great community it currently is, which has had new people looking to moved here every week.

Dalton has a great community spirit which we would like to see continue on for generations to come and it's our sincere belief that the DPP will kill our town.

Kind Regards

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