

## Dalton Public School

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On behalf of the students and staff at Dalton Public School, I would like to submit the following with regard to the proposed Dalton Power Project.

The proposed facility is approximately 3 km from our school. We have concerns regarding the noise, pollution and dust that will be generated by the project, and regarding disruptions to traffic and access to Dalton and our school.

The Environmental Assessment provided has not established the existing levels of noise or air quality at our school. Any proposed monitoring of these levels will not provide any meaningful data which would allow us to assess the impacts of the development as there will be nothing to compare it to. At the moment, Dalton is a quiet place with no industrial pollution. The proposed project will obviously have impacts on the school and the learning environment.

The students grow vegetables as part of the curriculum. We also rely on rainwater for drinking water. Therefore, we have serious concerns about the impacts of pollution on the health of the students and staff.

The project is also likely to affect the traffic flows and the ability of staff and students to attend our school. A large number of students rely on the school bus to get to Dalton. The teaching and support staff also use the Dalton-Gunning Road to get to work. Disruption to access to this road would have serious consequences for our ability to provide our students with the education they require and deserve.

As far as I am aware the school or the Department of Communities and Education have not been consulted about this project.

The Applicant should be required to undertake the relevant investigations into the existing noise and air quality levels and to commit to the monitoring of those levels for the life of the project. It should also give assurances that the delivery of education to local children will not be compromised in any way through disruptions to access to Dalton.

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