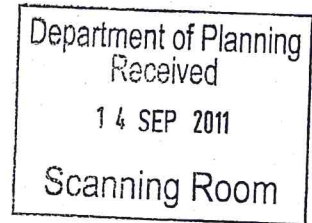




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SUBMISSION

DALTON POWER PROJECT

FROM
JOHN AND MARY WALSH
MARTIN AND LOUISE WALSH &
FAMILY

11TH SEPTEMBER 2011

WALSH FAMILY
J. & M. WALSH
M. & L. WALSH
MOUNT PLEASANT
DALTON NSW. 2581

DALTON POWER PROJECT
MAJOR PROJECTS ASSESSMENT
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ATTENTION: TOBY PHILIP

We the WALSH FAMILY have land adjoining the actual site.
JOHN AND MARY live 2.4 k AWAY and
MARTIN AND LOUISE AND BOYS 2.9 k AWAY

TRAFFIC

There will be serious implications for local people with increased road use, both in the construction phase and ongoing operations.

Noise and Dust will be unbelievable to the locals. We the Walsh family have had some experience with this. A sand mining operation from the Lachlan river, using both Walsh's road and the Bevendale road.

In peak operations, eg. Hume Highway construction, (1990,s) the DUST AND NOISE was extremely annoying.

With peak use of the Walsh,s road during this project 0f 400-500 traffic Movements per day, just using the road will be very hazardous, road conditions pot holes, dust and cowboy drivers. There will be such drivers. The Dalton - Gunning road will "break up" especially if we have a wet winter or two, and we are due for such. We haven't had wet winters for a while (we are a Winter-Spring rainfall area)

Will the contractors Leightons G.E. suspend operations, if it becomes very wet and boggy in such a winter/spring. We can expect this disruption every 3 years for 6 weeks or so (major maintenance)

STILL MUCH TO BE ADDRESSED!!!!!!!

WATER SUPPLY

Pretty vague. Not been settled on where is it to come from, both for operation of the facility and suppression of dust during construction, of 40 water tankers per day. If it is envisaged coming Gunning town supply a lot Of upgrading would be needed. Construct a dam on the :Lachlan? Not adequate in dry times (drought). Unlikely to be sufficient bore water available on-site. The underground water in this area is from "fractured rock"

WHY HASN'T WATER SUPPLY QUESTION BEEN SETTLED

NOISE

As mentioned before noise in the construction phase will be very significant from vehicles and machinery. Also when major maintenance is going on. As regards, noise from the turbines, we have had at our home the AGL simulator and while the noise was not loud, it was not the POWER STATION. Remains to be seen as to what it will really be like, e.g. noise. Truck movements are going to be very annoying for Dalton and Gunning Residents, especially Gunning. All traffic through the main street. Dalton will be mostly side stepped (Loop Road),but it will be significant. There will be ambient noise from the site during operations.

WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE BRIGHT LIGHTS ALL NIGHT EITHER

FLORA AND FAUNA

Given the amount of time that the survey was conducted ,we find it a little strange that some fairly common species were not mentioned. Bear in mind that John knows the land in question very well, having lived here for over 70 years and at one time most of the land now owned by AGL was owned by the Walsh family. We now run sheep on some of it too.(AGL land) There is no black snakes mentioned (very common) I am up there often and it would be rare to NOT see a black wallaby. There are many birds not mentioned as well. E.G.

RED RUMPED PARROTS
SUPERB PARROT
CORRELLA
DOLLAR BIRD
HOODED ROBIN
EASTERN ROBBIN

BLACK DUCK
OTHER WATER BIRDS
PACIFIC HERON
SPOONBILL
PLOVER (SPURWING)
COOTS

Bats 'RECORDED' on Mount Pleasant in June 2000
Adjoining A.G.L. by AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

YELLOW BELLIED SHEATH TAIL BAT

GOULDS WATTLED BAT

CHOCOLATE WATTLED BAY

LONG EARED BAT SP.

INLAND BROADNOSED BAT

LARGE FOREST BAT\

SOUTHERN FOREST BAT

LITTLE FOREST BAT

FREETAIL BAT SPEC

WHITE STRIPED FREETAIL BAT

Were your list of Bats electronically recorded????

Also concerned that NO mention of any frogs or their habitat was
mentioned at all.

There are 6 farm dams within 1k, and 3 dams within 100 - 300 metres.
Plus the access road is to cross two small creeks and a wet gully that are
All HABITAT for frogs . 3 - 4 species at least.

We would also make mention of two very common weeds (Flora) that are
Present in fairly large numbers. SERRATED TUSSOCK (Nassella
Trichotoma and BATHURST BURR (Xanthium spinosa)
SERRATED TUSSOCK IS A WEED OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE!
And BATHURST BURR are very detrimental to wool (sheep).
These were not mentioned at all, as was CAPE WEED and they are very
Prominent. WHY?????????

Handwritten signature: P. B. Warik

To AGL

RE GAS FIRED POWER STATION DALTON SITE

Martin and Louise Walsh and young family live approximately 3km from the proposed site on a property called Mt Pleasant.

Please address concerns as follows:

- Our primary concern is noise, noise from the construction stage and the ongoing noise when the station is in operation. Can you please explain to us how you will ensure noise does not affect our everyday living, given that noise will be a concern for neighbours living less than 1km away from us.
- Visual impact. Given the location of the site, we will be looking directly at it from our front door and from all bedrooms in the house. I did go to the information days and see the imposed station into pictures taken from different view points, none of these were taken from our vantage point. Please show me the visual impact from our location and show me ways you plan to reduce this impact.
- road access - Walsh's road is used by the Walsh family as an alternative access road into the property. Please show me how you plan to keep this road safe and usable for the few local families who use it.
- Dust - during construction, I am very concerned about the dust which will be created. My six year old son suffers asthma, and dust is a trigger for an onset to asthma. How are you going to ensure dust from the construction will not affect my child?
- Can you guarantee that the power station will not run for more than the proposed amount of time? AND if it does, can you show me how the prolonged noise will not affect my living conditions?

I look forward to your response.

Louise and Martin Walsh

