

## **Objection to the proposed extension of approval of the Dalton Power Station project**

I wish to object strongly to the application by AGL to have their approval for a power station at Dalton extended. My reasons for this are :

1. There has been no public consultation for this extension proposal. We were only informed about the application on 16th March 2017, which leaves insufficient time for the community to examine the proposal and effectively research and comment on it.
2. The community was informed many years ago that this proposal had been abandoned. On this basis many people have bought properties in the area, while others have built new houses, all on the understanding that the proposal had been abandoned. None of these people were notified by the Real Estate agents involved that there was a further proposal intended. This is manifestly unfair.
3. The original proposal stated that there would be no noise hazard involved in this project. This has been shown to be completely false and it became clear that AGL had suppressed their knowledge of the appalling effects that noise would have on the community. The experience obtained from the power station built at Uranquinty revealed that all people living within proximity of such a power station would find their existence untenable. There is no mechanism for compensation to residents if the quoted noise levels turn out to be complete lies.
4. The environmental studies purportedly carried out by AGL have been shown to be worthless, biased and unreliable. No proper, independent environmental study has been carried out.
5. It is inconceivable that the quantities of exhaust gas produced by this power plant would not affect the residents of Dalton and Gunning. No proper scientific analysis of this problem has been carried out, and AGL have simply stated that there is no problem. There is no mechanism for compensation to residents if massive pollution results, with its corresponding adverse effects on health.
6. The weather data used in the original study was sourced from Goulburn, and used to justify claims on the spread of pollutants and noise. The weather here is completely different from that of Goulburn, and no claims can possibly be made on the basis of that data.
7. Since this proposal was first approved the area has changed considerably. A large number of new residents have arrived, ecological studies have revealed the presence of at least two rare/endangered species, and much more data on factors such as weather patterns and levels of pollutant have been gathered. It makes no sense to blindly extend an approval based on out of date and insufficient data. The whole project would need to be considered from scratch.
8. No consideration was ever made for the effect this proposal would have on property values in the area. It is clear that property values would be massively downgraded, and that there is no means by which compensation would be provided for residents so affected.
9. The effect that the construction phase of this project would have on the residents of Dalton and Gunning has never been adequately addressed. A thoughtful analysis of the traffic movements involved, the disruption to daily life, and the damage to local infrastructure needed for access shows that this proposal would cause permanent problems for the community.
10. The figures given by AGL for the percentage of running time for the power station are ridiculous. It is obvious that they would run the plant whenever they could make money from the power produced. There would be no mechanism for redress to the community if the figures given proved nonsense.
11. At all stages of the original proposal AGL demonstrated that they resisted consultation with the community, and showed contempt for our welfare. It became clear to us that they regarded this

community as expendable, and that they almost certainly expected the village to be destroyed. It is outrageous that they should ask that the approval for this ill conceived, anti-social and environmentally damaging project be extended. The project should be seen for what it is - a callous, poorly planned manifestation of corporate greed which would result in catastrophic damage to the health, welfare and prosperity of this community.

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