

I wish to object to the granting of an extension of time (MOD 1) to AGL for the Dalton Gas fired power station approval. My objection is in 3 parts.

The first objection goes directly to the reason quoted by AGL in their application for the need for an extension. AGL has attempted to justify the extension on the grounds that they need to "review and update the DPP in line with current technology and energy marketing circumstances" AGL have had 4 years and 10 months to do any reviewing and updating that was required. It would appear from the outside that the reality is that nothing at all has been done in the last 4 years and 10 months. Someone at AGL has just woken up that there is only 2 months left on the proposal and 'we'd better get an extension before we can't push it through using 3A'. The people of Dalton, on the other hand, have had this proposal hanging over their heads like the proverbial Sword of Damocles for the past 4 years and 10 months. Just as a light has appeared at the end of the tunnel and we may be able to resume our normal quiet rural existence AGL have decided to try and subject us to it for a further 2 years.

My second objection is on more personal grounds. My wife and I have recently bought a 30 acre property adjacent to the Dalton public School. We are well underway with the construction of a new house. We have done this because over the past 4 years and 10 months AGL have done absolutely nothing in relation to this proposal No updates, no information, no notifications. With only 2 months to go on a 5 year proposal we, I think reasonably, assumed the permission would expire in June and we could enjoy our retirement, new house and property. We have now invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in the project and instead of a view of a peaceful rural valley from our lounge room window we will be looking directly at the 5 enormous stacks of a power station. Instead of the background noise being sub 30 dB it will now be 70dB+ (remembering that every 10dB increase is a doubling of the perceived loudness of a noise.) AGL have claimed that the power station will not decrease property values which is in my opinion the most ridiculous of their many ridiculous claims. It is basic economics that if no one wants your property because of its proximity to a power station then its value is greatly reduced. If they honestly don't understand that then I can't see how their sums on the value of the project could be taken seriously.

My third objection is based on the proposition from companies like AGL that there is a serious gas shortage. If you believe this is the case and not just a ploy to put up gas prices and mine for CSG then you would have to ask what this station will run on. How would it possibly be economically viable? (Which based on the economic knowledge required to come up with the theory that property values won't be adversely affected, you would have to seriously doubt even exists). Why would a company spend \$1.5 billion on a plant that in their words is only a "peaking plant" that will only be turned on occasionally and runs on a fuel that is in very short supply and of skyrocketing cost. Doesn't make any sense to me and I don't believe that it isn't really a base load plant that will end up running 24/7. Although I don't have any direct experience in gas turbine theory I am well versed in general turbine theory and a requirement for fast ramp up speeds (such as those required for a peaking plant) call for small turbines, not huge turbines such as those proposed. Huge turbines are used in base load applications where constant operation is required.

Many things have changed since the original EA was done close to 7 years ago. Canberra is no longer a possible market for this power as they have since committed to 100% renewables. A number of people have moved into the area and built or are building houses. Others have bought and moved into existing properties. Several endangered species have been found that were thought to be gone from the area. If permission is granted and AGL are allowed to do modifications to the proposal under the now repealed 3A legislation the EA being used will be 9 years old. I also have little faith in the conditions imposed on the original consent. The gas fired power station at Uranquinty has never

been able to meet its noise or emissions targets and has resulted in residents being forced to sell out to Origin instead of the plant being shut down. Recent experience with the wind turbine developers in Upper Lachlan Shire saw towers being located up to 100 metres closer to residents than allowed on the application. Instead of the developer being forced to relocate the towers to the correct location the consent was re-written to show the revised location. Given these examples alone, why would the people of Dalton and surrounds have faith in any agreed conditions?

In conclusion I wish to strongly object to any extension of time (Mod 1) being granted to AGL for the reasons stated above.

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