

Hello, my name is Danica Bulger. I have lived in Dalton for 5 years and my eldest child attends Dalton Public School. It is my hope that her two siblings will also attend Dalton PS.

I wish to lodge my objection to AGL's request for an extension of time for the commencement of work on the proposed gas plant project at Dalton (DDP), NSW.

I'm opposed to the extension for the following reasons:

- My husband and I bought our property in Dalton in December 2012. We decided to buy a property in the Dalton area, to escape the rat race, noise and air pollution of the city. Our plan was to extend our family in a safe, unspoiled environment and teach them how to be respect, nurture and care for this precious natural setting. Destroying and polluting our community by building a huge gas plant next to our home, is in complete opposition to why we chose come to Dalton. Should this plant proceed, our children will be left to clean up the mess, that history shows, this kind of power station will leave behind.
- We purchased our property at 23 Cowper Street Dalton for the beautiful views from all of our windows. All our living and bedroom windows face north to capture the pristine views, light and warmth. The proposed location of the plant, is approx. 3km away, to the north of our property. Should this plant be approved, our stunning rural views will be destroyed and instead be dominated by six ugly concrete stacks.
- Our property borders a local road, which would service the proposed plant. It is estimated that 280 trucks will travel along this road every day. This huge increase in dangerous traffic would cause a massive health and safety issue for my family. Currently my children have the freedom to safely explore our property and learn about their natural environment. We grow many vegetables and run both chickens and sheep.
- The dust, dirt, noise, pollution and danger these trucks pose, will significantly affect our home, health and lifestyle.
- I am very concerned for the health of my children and future grandchildren, particularly with respect to risks to their fertility, caused by air, water & soil pollution produced by the plant. I also have great environment concerns for our wildlife and the already endanger species found in the Lachlan River which runs through the centre of Dalton.
- It terrifies me to consider that we may be forced to pack up and leave this beautiful place so that an environmentally dangerous power plant can be built.

- The local Dalton school has been in operation since 1864 and has serviced our community well for over 150 years. If the plant goes ahead all the local families will have to leave Dalton and the local school will have to close.
- Many Dalton families would be faced with the prospect of losing their homes, jobs and peaceful lifestyles, putting even greater pressure on an already stressed farming community.
- We moved to Dalton in 2012 with NO knowledge of the proposed plans by AGL. We made a huge financial commitment when we bought our family home here. It has come as a huge shock to discover that, should this power plant proceed, our property will be worth far less than what we paid five years ago. We have worked extremely hard over the last five years to build a safe, secure and happy life for ourselves, and our children.
- Granting a further two year extension to AGL, so that they can wait for better business conditions, means we not only have to live with stress and uncertainty, but also postpone our planned home renovations for at least another two years, until AGL decide what they want to do.
- As a first step in assessing the levels of sound and visual pollution this plant might pose, I hereby request that the Department of Planning & Environment undertake a noise & sight assessment on my property as soon as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter,

Kind Regards,

Danica Cole