

I wish to lodge my objection to AGL's proposed extension of time for the commencement of work on the proposed Gas fired Peaking Power Plant project at Dalton (DPP), NSW.

My Background

I was born in Wollongong NSW and have worked my life between Sydney and Wollongong. I am married and have 2 daughters. My family have always enjoyed camping and hunting. The peaceful serenity of the bush has always been appealing to us. Several years ago we decided to purchase our own little piece of "Australian Paradise" and began searching for properties within a 3 hour radius of Wollongong. Just over 3 years ago we found that perfect spot just out of the idyllic friendly village of Dalton NSW. We purchased just over 200 acres in the Lachlan Hills Estate and began enjoying the tranquillity one only achieves in the bush away from the noise and industry of the city. Beautiful clean crisp air, crystal clear waters of the Lachlan River, pristine night skies, abundance of wildlife and all just a 2 hour drive from home!

I am opposed to an extension of time for this project for the following reasons.

- This project was never mentioned during the process of purchasing this land nor was it made evident during the conveyancing checks whilst finalising payment. I find this most deceitful of the Real Estate company that brokered the deal. I feel extremely let down by the "system". No one appears to own any responsibility for disclosing this substantial State significant proposed project.
- I have invested a substantial amount of my hard earned money to ensure my Family have a place where future generations can come and enjoy the all too quickly disappearing Australian Bush and its wonderful wildlife
- I am opposed to the Plant for health reasons too. There are many documented papers on the dangerous emissions generated by gas fired power plants. NOx (Nitrogen Oxide), CO2 (Carbon Dioxide) and various PM (Particulate matter). The dispersal of these into the Dalton atmosphere is unacceptable for the Environment.
Waterways, dams and pastures will be contaminated with this fallout, the flow on could be potentially devastating to the ecology (particularly the native pygmy perch) and economy of the district.
- As a responsible landowner it is my responsibility to maintain weed control (particularly Serrated Tussock) on my property or face significant fines. I have been informed by members of the local community that AGL have ignored their responsibilities in this regard, something that affects the entire community as seeds can carry for many kilometres to begin an infestation elsewhere.. This demonstrate the lack of community embraced by AGL.
- Further development on my property will be placed on hold until a decision is made by the Department of Land and Environment. I hope their Statement of "What we do" is reflected in their decision for AGL's request for an extension.

In Conclusion

There are so many concerns for a project that was originally granted approval under a very questionable legislation, the old Planning Legislation 3A. This review should be looked at under current legislations

that reflect current conditions. Perhaps the DPE should examine their own core values and look to protect the Citizens and Environment of NSW as they state.

I sincerely hope that the Department decides a refusal to the extension of AGL's request and by doing so prove they are there to protect the people and Environment.

Yours sincerely

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