

The submission I write is to oppose and object to the proposed extension of time for AGL to commence work on the Dalton power plant. I question its validity considering that the original proposal was contrived 5 years ago. I ask the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to carefully consider the shortfalls contained in the AGL application for extension.

In the latest consultation with the community, AGL continued to be elusive and evasive about their true intentions. At the town meeting held on 5 April they set out to tell everyone present that they would only operate the power station in the event of extreme peak power consumption, which would be only for approximately 5% of the time during the year. But I question this, as AGL stated in their 2012 DPE application that it was going to be more like 15% and if they wanted could be operated longer at their own discretion.

These companies do not follow guidelines; they follow their own agenda. If they get fined - as AGL has - for wrongdoing, that's just a drop in the ocean for them, but we as a community are left to deal with the consequences.

There are several reasons that AGL should not be granted an extension of time:

- AGL was given 5 years to commence construction and in that time not one thing has commence; they have not shown the slightest inclination to begin and are therefore wasting the communities time and energy
- There many people in Dalton and surrounds that suffer from breathing-related conditions and moved here to a cleaner environment. Their conditions will be heightened by the arrival of a polluting power plant.
- There have been several seismic activities that may cause issues with the safety and wellbeing for the community if the power station was built.
- AGL claims that the community will benefit from the economical gains generated by the gas power plant, this is a very unrealistic statement, the contract work would be out sourced, the influx of new people will be catered for in house therefore not contact with community or local spending.
- The original proposal of 5 years had used data from sources that are no longer relevant today, therefore even though they could technically start building the plant today the data needs to be up dated or in some instances re done to conform to the current climate.

At the end of the day it will be your decision whether or not the extension is granted but I implore you to make the right decision for future generations.

Yours sincerely, Hector Vivas.