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Re: OBJECTION TO THE Dalton Power MOD1 proposed by AGL

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to submit my objections to the above project.

I am a 5th generation resident of the Gunning district. I have grown up in this district, I have married and am now bringing up three children on my property situated on the Lade Vale Road. My wife and I also run our agricultural enterprise and contract fencing, weed control and site rehabilitation business from our property on the Lade Vale Road that services Gunning and the surrounding districts.

The proposal on the above project will have a huge detrimental impact on our community.

I do not see that the development of a gas fired power station, as described in AGL's Development Application, meets the objectives of the RU2 zoned land in the Upper Lachlan Shire Council (our local council), in any way at all.

- It does not encourage primary industry production by enhancing the natural resource base.
- It does not maintain the rural landscape character of the land.
- It is not a compatible land use for existing surrounds.
- It will not preserve environmentally sensitive areas including waterways. It is an inappropriate development which is likely to result in environmental harm.
- It will provide a risk to water quality in the catchment area.
- It will have a dramatic detrimental visual impact to our rural landscape.
- It will have a detrimental impact on the existing agricultural landscape character.
- It will cause damage to water quality of watercourses and ground water systems and it will increase land degradation.
- It is being built in an area where there are endangered species so it will inevitably damage areas of high conservation value.

The Upper Lachlan Shire promotes itself as a

"a shire of breathtaking beauty, robust seasons, outlandish bushranger history and unique rural charm.... it has the feel of a secluded rural hideaway, which has been protected from the harshness of modern-day intrusions."

If this DA is approved the Upper Lachlan Shire will lose the very essence of what it is most proud of.

I note that last night the Upper Lachlan Shire Council held an extra ordinary meeting to discuss the proposal and voted unanimously against it.

I am a strong believer in renewable energy and battery storage. I think that Australia should be investing more in this area instead of backing the fossil fuel energies and the companies that provide them. I will never believe that building fossil fuel driven power stations in this day and age is a sound investment.

I attended a meeting last week where AGL representative, Tony Chappel, addressed the community. I was appalled by AGL's representatives. They did not listen and they did not address major community concerns. I felt that they had no regard to the community whatsoever.

At present it feels like a David and Goliath fight against AGL. I hope that common sense will prevail and this project will not be given the time extension that AGL is seeking

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me on 0409 866 970 or send me an email to <u>clancycontracting@bigpond.com.au</u>

Yours sincerely,

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