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Re: **OBJECTION TO Dalton Power Project MOD1**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to submit an objection to the extension of time for the above Development Application and the Development Application itself in the strongest possible terms.

Our local Gunning business is a member of the South East Region of Renewable Energy Excellence (SERREE). SERREE is an initiative to develop the renewable energy sector in the ACT and surrounding South East NSW region. I am a strong believer in renewable energies and battery storage. Our region has an abundant supply of wind and sun. Technology is just around the corner to store this energy to use in peak times. I feel that our governments and councils should be encouraging companies in the renewable energy and battery storage sector NOT the fossil fuel energy sector. It frustrates me immensely to see our elected representatives stick their heads in the sand over this issue.

I do not see that the development of a commercial gas fired power station, meets the objectives of the RU2 zoned land in the Upper Lachlan Shire Council. The development will create massive social, environmental and economic problems in our region. All of this defies the Upper Lachlan Shire Council's RU2 objectives.

- 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.

In an extra ordinary meeting held by the Upper Lachlan Shire Council last night there was a unanimous vote against this project.

I sincerely hope that the NSW Government's Planning and Environment Department takes very seriously these objections and submissions. The building of such an ill prepared and thought out facility on the proposed site could have serious detrimental ramifications for many of the Upper Lachlan Shire residents and it's Council. It would certainly change the beautiful quiet, rural landscape, we all hold so dear, for ever. I urge you not to approve the extension of time for this Development Application. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please call me on 0407 426 537 or email me on [clancys.5@bigpond.com](mailto:clancys.5@bigpond.com)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Melissa Clancy'.

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