



# Nature Conservation Council

The voice for nature in NSW

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## **NCC Submission in opposition to Dalton Power Project MOD 1**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the recent application of AGL Energy Ltd. to extend the approval for the Dalton Power Project.

The Nature Conservation Council of NSW (**NCC**) is the peak environment organisation for New South Wales, representing over 150 member societies across the state. Together we are committed to protecting and conserving the wildlife, landscapes and natural resources of NSW.

The Nature Conservation Council objects to AGL's proposed extension of time for the commencement of work on the proposed gas fired power plant project at Dalton due to the projected impacts the project will have on climate change and the local community.

Climate change is already having significant impacts on nature and these will only get worse if projects such as the Dalton Power Project continue to be approved and built. Climate change is also impacting the residents of New South Wales, specifically through health impacts, and impacts on infrastructure.

NSW is heavily dependent upon fossil fuels, both coal and gas, for our electricity. We are amongst the worst performing states in Australia in transitioning to renewable energy. Continuing to approve new gas generation will slow our transition to renewable energy and is not in the best interests of NSW.

We ask that your assessment of this project considers the broader impacts of climate change and that the Department oppose the modification application for this project.

If you would like any further information regarding our submission, please don't hesitate to contact Brad Smith in our office on (02) 9516 1488 or at [bsmith@nature.org.au](mailto:bsmith@nature.org.au).

Yours sincerely,

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