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I oppose AGL's request to extend the lapse date of the approval for the Dalton Power Project.

Australia is currently facing the impacts on catastrophic climate change with sea level rise, more frequent heatwaves, drought and fire in some parts of the country and flooding in other parts. Greenhouse gas emissions must be dramatically reduced to prevent these impacts from getting worse in intensity and more frequent. There should be no new fossil fuel infrastructure at a time of catastrophic climate change. There are ways of solving the issue of providing electricity in periods of peak electricity demand using renewable sources (new batteries, pumped hydroelectric storage, smart appliances that turn on and off during high demand periods) that would achieve what this gas fired power station will achieve without causing the social harm.

The Dalton Power Project will emit particulate emissions that could harm the local residents and long term agricultural industry. The health of members of the local community health must be a priority. The power station will provide a small number of jobs (5 long term jobs stated in the AGL document submitted to the NSW planning and environment department) and a similar number of jobs could be created through new renewable energy infrastructure.

In summary, I oppose the Dalton Power Project due to its impacts on the global climate, the community's health and the lost opportunity of developing renewable energy that unlike gas will last many decades into the future. The government has a responsibility to only approve projects that will produce social good and the Dalton Power Project will lead to massive social harm.