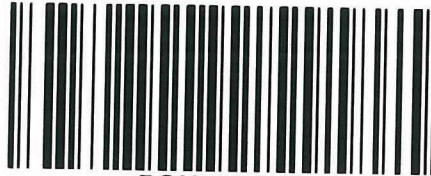


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I write this submission opposing AGL's extension of time for commencement of the proposed Dalton gas power plant. My family has lived in this area since the early 1800's. There are four generations living here today, my four children, myself, my mother and grandmother. My husband, children and I live in the main street in the center of Dalton.

I am opposed to the proposed power plant for a number of reasons.

1. Every day I go walking around Loop Rd. This road is used by a lot of people who walk, ride bikes and horses. Loop Rd is a main recreational road for Dalton residents. I understand that this road is going to be the main access road to the proposed power plant which means trucks carrying water, concrete, machinery and workers cars will all use the road. The dust, the danger and the noise will mean that no-one will be able to use the road any longer. Not having access to a peaceful road will affect the lives of a lot of people in our community.
2. Pollution is also a concern for me. Many days the fog settles in this valley and sometimes in winter it doesn't lift until 2 or 3 in the afternoon so you can't tell us that the emissions are not going to hang around and affect our health.
3. Dalton is known as the earthquake capital of Australia. My mother remembers an earthquake that shook the whole house and cracked walls. It knocked bricks off the chimney at Springwood which is very close to the proposed power plant. Still today we frequently feel tremors and I've even been woken with loud booms and shaking through the night. It's just a matter of time before we get another big one. What are the dangers of having a gas power plant in a known earthquake area?
4. Five years ago my family and I went to visit Uranquinty. There we saw the power plant very close to the town. We also saw the for sale signs on some of the houses. I've since heard that many have moved away. What concerns me is that Uranquinty power plant is only small by comparison to the proposed Dalton power plant which will have six stacks. I've heard it will be the largest in the southern hemisphere.
5. I'm worried about house prices and the lowering of the value of the land and houses in the Dalton area. There are many newcomers to this area. I can count at least 10 new families in the last five years. Some are building and others have bought property and are going to build. People are attracted to living in the country area for peace and quiet. What is going to happen to our community? People are no longer going to want to live in the Dalton area. Like Uranquinty people will be forced to sell.
6. AGL tell us the Dalton power plant will only run for a short time but you can't tell us they are going to spend so much money and let it sit there. I've seen on TV they are closing other gas power plants so it's obvious that this plant will be used a lot.



7. I'm also concerned about the health issues to myself and my family. I've heard the noise can produce vertigo and we don't really know the poisons in the emissions and what effect it will have on our health.
8. I'm also concerned about our wildlife as about a year ago my daughter and her friend discovered the Southern Pygmy Perch which is an endangered fish living in our local Oolong creek which meets the Jerrawa creek and then the Lachlan. This is a very sensitive species of fish. We are concerned about the effect of the power plant on the local environment including air and water quality.

We went through this terrible procedure with AGL five years ago and now we are being forced to go through it again. As a member of the local community association I can say that all of us including many newcomers are very fearful of what is going to happen to our small community. I attended AGL meetings five years ago and they offered no solutions to our problems. I will be attending their upcoming meetings but it's as if they don't care what they do or what affect it has on our community. What they don't seem to understand is that we are real people with real lives and we need to be heard.

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