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Hello,

Please see the attached correspondence.

Regards,

Office of Minister Goward  
Office of the Minister for Planning  
Minister for Women

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Dear Minister

Please find attached letter from Wellington Council in relation to the Wellington Gas Fired Power Station.

Kind regards

Marj Coon

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20 March 2015

Honourable Prue Goward  
NSW Minister for Planning  
Parliament House  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister Goward

**Re: Approved Major Project Approval Number MP 06 0315, Wellington Gas Fired Power Station**

I write to advise that a public meeting was organised by the NSW Farmers and held on the 19 March, 2015, at the Wellington Soldiers' Memorial Club for residents to have the opportunity to raise their concerns with regard to the above approval and expected noise levels that the development may create within and around the vicinity of Lot 101, DP 606457, Goolma Road, Wellington.

The meeting was attended by around 60 local residents. Speakers at the meeting were Mr Nat Barton, an ERM Power representative, Mr Martin Sannika, Mr Sam McGuinness and myself.

Concerns have been raised about the apparent noise level by this development and the adverse effects that this could cause on the surrounding properties and local residents.

Council realises that this development may have been approved and this approval may have included further design concept changes. We understand that the Department is currently investigating concerns raised in relation to the issue of noise and the allowable levels able to be emitted from the proposed gas fired turbines.

As Councillors are elected to represent the community on a broad range of issues, the Council wishes to request whether any further background and/or ambient noise studies have been carried out by the proponent for this development and that, if so, could a copy be forwarded to Wellington Council for review and/or comment. This would be of an advantage to both Council and the Proponent to enable Council to represent these matters to local residents.

Attached is a newspaper article from the Wellington Times and a flier that outlined the meeting and inviting residents to attend.

As you can appreciate this is a sensitive topic for our local community and we would welcome your response at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rod Buhr', written over a horizontal line.

Clr Rod Buhr  
MAYOR

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Merv Hughes celebrates his hat trick wicket, after bowling Mark Nicholas for LBW during the Shane Warne's Australia vs Michael Vaughan's England T20 match at Cricenster Cricket Club in 2013.

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

Masters event said.

Hughes and the ACA Masters will take on a team of Wellington's best cricketers in a bumper Twenty20 clash on Sunday, March 22 at Pioneer Park in Wellington.

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# Gas-fired problem

Nat Barton is heartbroken.

Years of family history at his Nanima homestead are ending.

A long running dispute with trustees in the federal court has broken him and he blames the battle over the gas-fired power station proposed next door on the Mudgee Road for much of his pain.

"It's a very sad time for me. But you know what? I'm not exhausted because the support of many in the community and the resolve to reveal the hurt the proposed gas fired power station could have on Wellington is keeping me going,"

Mr Barton said.

"At times this has been a very long and lonely fight. There have been failures at every level to recognise the sound problems this will have on the town and earlier assessments are not supported by any science at any level."

Mr Barton said he is the last man standing after local subdivisions and even a proposed aged care facility failed to materialise after concerns about the proposed development.

Mr Barton will be among the speakers at Thursday night's public meeting over the proposal gas

fired power station's licence extension.

The free public meeting is being organised by the NSW Farmers Wellington District Council. Its chairman Peter Carter has urged the community to attend. Mr Carter believes it's a subject the community needs to debate.

Candidates for the NSW election in the seat of Dubbo have been invited to come along.

Retired NATA signatory in Transformer and Community Noise Testing Martin Sannika said independent investigations show sound coming from this type

of development will change the lifestyle of Wellington residents.

"Cups will rattle, windows will shake. I don't think people realise the effects this power station would have on their lives," Mr Sannika said.

"I will be showing a map which really shows the widespread effect on the community."

"There is evidence from a similar project in the Riverina at Uranquity windows rattle and areas shake to a 5km basis. Ten residences within 2km have been bought by the proponent there."

Representatives from ERM

Power the proponents for the proposed Gas Fired Power station have been invited to Thursday night's meeting which begins at 7pm at the Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club auditorium.

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment told Fairfax Media there was still work to do on the gas-fired power proposal.

Work on the station has started, so an extension is no longer required.

Another modification application relating to the plant's turbines was still being assessed.

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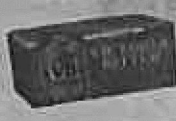
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## PROPOSED WELLINGTON GAS FIRED POWER STATION

### ESTIMATED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL NOISE DECAY WITH DISTANCE MAP

#### ASSUMPTIONS:

##### LOCATION

1. As there is no physical work commenced, it can be assumed that the location of the Power Station, based on the exhibited documentation, is approximately as shown on the Map.

##### NOISE SOURCE ESTIMATION

2. In the Noise Modelling attached to MOD 1 & MOD 2 the total sound power level at the source has not been disclosed. However, when all of the listed components are added acoustically the total is approximately 107.5dB(A) under normal conditions and estimated to be at least 110dB(A) under Adverse Conditions.

##### PENALTIES

3. NSW EPA's *Industrial Noise Policy* (NSW INP,2000) aims to apply modifying factors of 5dB(A) each to the level of noise produced by the source at the receivers to account for additional noise characteristics such as tonality, impulsiveness, intermittency, irregularity and dominant low frequency content anticipated to cause greater annoyance to residential receivers.
4. Where two or more modifying factors are present, the maximum adjustment is 10dB(A) and that was used in the map.

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#### **Dear Residents of Wellington,**

On the reverse side is a map showing Estimated Sound Pressure Noise Level Decay with Distance Map that was calculated by Mr Martin Sannikka a retired NATA signatory in Transformer and Community Noise Testing.

There will be a **Public Meeting on Thursday, 19 March 2015 at 7.00pm at the RSL Auditorium** where this map and other matters will be discussed.

Other speakers include Mr Rod Buhr, Mayor of Wellington, a representative from ERM Power Ltd (the proponents), Mr Nat Barton, the closest affected resident to the proposal, Mr Sam McGuinness who can speak with authority about what happened at Uranquinty, M/s Sarah Laurie, CEO of the Waubra Foundation and a retired GP has compiled a Power Point presentation as she is unable to attend, and Mr Martin Sannikka.

All candidates for the seat of Dubbo in the upcoming NSW State Election have been invited to attend and address the meeting and all speakers will be available to answer questions from the floor and from each other.

You, who have an interest in the future of our town, please attend.

