

Hunter Power Project- Kurri Kurri Power Station

I object to the project.

It is a waste of taxpayers' money to pay for a plant that will not run very often, uses expensive dirty fuel diesel and gas, will increase our carbon emissions, cause more damage to our climate and pollution for the residents of Kurri Kurri. The Kurri Kurri proposal is a poor investment decision and so private investors aren't interested. So please don't waste more public money building this plant.

Any shortage in power after Liddell closes can be met with renewables, batteries, pumped solar and good planning. Both AGL and Origin are planning large batteries in the Hunter Valley as battery prices continue to fall. There a number of pumped hydro projects already planned in NSW. Gas is not needed.

Gas power is very expensive. When Tomago Aluminium complained recently about power shortages they chose to reduce production rather than pay the super high price of power from the Colongara gas plant, just south of Newcastle, not far from Kurri Kurri. If the Colongara gas power plant is a rarely used, expensive to run white elephant why is a second one a good idea? It isn't.

Gas, oil and coal need to be phased out to prevent irreversible damage to our climate. So new fossil fuel projects must be halted.

The EIS doesn't require any response regarding carbon emissions from this project. This is evidence of very poor planning by our governments. Our state government has targets and the federal government has committed to the Paris accord but there is no requirement for new projects to align with the targets or the accord. Therefore, this process needs an urgent review before deciding on any emissions producing project including the Kurri Kurri Power Station.