



Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability

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Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House George Street QLD 4000 Attention: Mr Neil Laurie

Dear My Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 22 May 2009 concerning petition 1230-09 regarding the proposed Mulgowie Road Power Station.

The Department of Environment and Resource Management, formerly the Environmental Protection Agency, has assessed the application for the proposed power station and sent its concurrence agency response to the assessment manager for the application, the Lockyer Valley Regional Council, supporting the application subject to conditions.

The conditions in my Department's concurrence agency response are designed to protect the environmental values of the area and reflect the close proximity of the proposed development site to it neighbours. A copy of my Department's concurrence agency response can be viewed on the applicant's website: http://www.pb.com.au/mulgowiepower.

The ultimate decision for the application now rests with the Lockyer Valley Regional Council. Under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*. Therefore, if the Lockyer Valley Regional Council decides to grant a development approval for the power station, the conditions they must impose must include those contained in my Department's concurrence agency response.

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council must take into account all properly made submissions about the application, and has a broader imprimatur to consider amenity impacts than are available to my Department as a concurrence agency.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact John Rice of the Department of Environment and Resource Management on telephone (07) 3381 7559.

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Yours singerely /

Kate Jones MP Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability