

Delta Electricity Application

The NSW Environment Protection Authority held community consultation on Delta Electricity's application for a licence variation regarding its NO_x emission limits.

What was the consultation process?

Delta Electricity has applied to the NSW EPA to be exempt from meeting the limits set out in the Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2021 for nitrogen oxides for 5 years up until 1 January 2027.

The EPA conducted public consultation as part of our assessment process to help inform our determination of Delta Electricity's application. The application, additional information, expert advice, and submissions received as part of the consultation process have all been considered by the EPA in making its decision.

How did we engage?

The EPA met with key stakeholders and called for feedback through the EPA's consultation website.

- *Have Your Say* webpage
- Community Survey
- Email submission process
- Meetings with stakeholders
- Media and social media

Who did we hear from?

We heard from community groups, industry, health professionals, academics and the community.

Feedback included:

- Surveys completed: 427
- Email submissions: 323
- One group submission: 1065 signatures
- Total responses: 1815

Figure 1 Vales Point Power Station



What did we hear?

The significant majority of people who provided the EPA with feedback strongly opposed the EPA approving Delta Electricity's application.

Some of the concerns raised were:

- The subsequent impact on health, particularly the cause or exacerbation of respiratory conditions, of the community and children residing in the vicinity of the power station.
- The availability and affordability of pollution reduction technology such as Low NO_x Burners (LNB) and Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR).
- Concerns regarding climate change and a strong consensus of wanting to transition to renewable energy sources was also heard.

The vast majority of submissions requested that the EPA require Delta to install pollution prevention technology, reduce emission limits similar to European standards and to set mandatory targets for environment improvement.

Next steps

The EPA has considered the feedback received as part of its assessment of the application. To find the final determination visit the EPA's website:

<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/community-engagement/community-news/regulation-of-power-stations>

Photos. Vales Point power station.

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