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Dear Sir

### **Re: Preliminary Assessment - Block 1671 Tuggeranong Proposed major utility installation and communications facility**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment of the Preliminary Assessment - Block 1671 Tuggeranong Proposed major utility installation and communications facility

The Jerrabomberra Residents' Association (JRA) makes the following comments:

The development of a Gas Fired Power Station to be located at Hume is already cause for concern for a great many Tuggeranong residents however it is Jerrabomberra, Queanbeyan and the site of our new suburb of Tralee that will be most affected.

The No Power Station group has raised concerns about the Station's high level of toxic emissions that will hover in the Valley, particularly during winter. As Jerrabomberra lies in the same valley, cause for the JRA's concerns about the emissions is obvious. The high level toxic plumes emitted by the power station will more often than not move to the east due to the prevailing westerly winds. This along with Canberra's predisposition to temperature inversions that force our winter fogs to hang around for a good part of the day will also keep these toxic gasses in our valley. Unlike the residents of Tuggeranong we have no ridge to offer some protection as we reside in the same valley as the proposed power station.

The JRA is concerned about its possible relocation to the old saw mill site due to the site's closeness to Jerrabomberra and Tralee. If the emissions and the noise are considered unacceptable for ACT residents, they should also be considered unacceptable for NSW residents. This plant must be located away from all residential housing, including Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra. We are totally opposed to the ACT policies of 'dumping' unwanted infrastructure, like the prison, on our doorstep.

JRA members consider relocation of the facility closer to Jerrabomberra is totally unacceptable and contravenes the NSW-ACT cross border settlement agreement that recognises development must be complementary and integrated on each side of the border. A gas fired power station situated only a couple of kilometres from residential estates in the Jerrabomberra Valley violates the rights of those people established in the valley a 'clean' environment in which to live.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margot Sachse". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical red line.

Margot Sachse  
President  
22 May 2008