

Do you live in a pollution “hot spot”?

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The Canberra Technology City (CTC) plans to build a large gas-fired power station in Tuggeranong with greenhouse gas emissions equating to 50,000 family car engines going 24 hours a day – 7 days a week, in one spot .

Canberrans for Power station Relocation Inc. (CPR) strongly advises everyone to attend the government formed health impact committee - community consultation on Wednesday 16 July from 5:30pm at Vikings Club, Greenway.

- The development proposal still includes a large gas-fired power station proposed in Tuggeranong
- It will constantly pump out noxious pollutants 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- The pollutants will negatively affect the health of those living, working, going to school, playing sport across a large area of southern Canberra
- The government has established this health impact assessment committee, outside the normal statutory process – the community does not know what the committee has been told to assess or what powers they have.
- We believe the research in the original Preliminary Assessment is deeply flawed and therefore undermines the capability of an independent health assessment
- The normal statutory process either requires this proposal to be rejected or if in further doubt - an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be conducted.
- A full and independent EIS would determine the full costs to the environment and people's health
- We believe this committee intends to offset the negative health and social costs to be suffered by the community against the profit making potential of the private consortium
- With the removal of the peaking power station possibly to Williamsdale what remains proposed for Tuggeranong is a private major utility gas-fired power station which will pollute all Canberra. With the profits of this proposal flowing solely to the foreign owned private consortium
- Expert members of CPR Inc used the actual data supplied by the proponents and used the proponents mapping tool and came up with the attached map as a visual representation of the expected pollution path. This is a conservative estimate as it uses the proponents' data.

CPR releases the attached map of one of the pollutants, NO₂ (Nitrogen Dioxide) as a call to action for residents in the pollution hot spots to ask questions now on behalf of themselves, their children, their grandchildren and generations to come. It may be your only chance to have your voice heard.

Media note: Attached is the pollution spread map of Nitrogen Dioxide, taken from proponents' data

Release ends

