

**Supplementary  
Submission  
No 48a**

**INQUIRY INTO COSTS FOR REMEDIATION OF SITES  
CONTAINING COAL ASH REPOSITORIES**

**Organisation:** Coal Point Progress Association

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Dear Emma,

Unfortunately I'm unable to attend the briefing however I would like the following comments noted along with our submission of 16/2/20.

Our peninsula community looks out over the Eraring emissions stacks. We are surrounded by the waters of Lake Macquarie where we sail, canoe, boat, fish and swim in our quiet bays and along our shores.

The health of Lake Macquarie is vital to maintaining the community's health as both a recreational asset, a food source and an environmental treasure for future generations.

The recent revelations of the impact of Coal Ash in our community's blue-water backyard are cause for extreme concern and we urge the Inquiry to commit to address the excesses of the electricity generation sector so that their toxic legacy will not compound and exacerbate the environmental pressures that our natural ecosystems are fighting.

We urge the Inquiry to

Introduce more extensive water pollution limits on all heavy metal contaminants from Vales Point and Eraring power station

Provide government assistance to develop programs for the safe and beneficial reuse of coal ash, supporting our local community with job generation

Declare the coal-ash sites contaminated and undertake a full rehabilitation under the EPA.

Your sincerely  
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