

**Submission
No 13**

**INQUIRY INTO PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT
OPERATIONS AMENDMENT (CLEAN AIR) BILL 2021**

Name: Mr Stephen and Ranwi Morris

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Dear Committee,

My wife and I live at Magenta Shores on the Central Coast. We left Sydney to live in the countryside where we thought the air would be clean. Unfortunately due to the Vales Point Power Station this has not been the case.

Every time the wind blows from the North we get a layer of black coal ash on our windowsills even though we live 40 kms from the Station. Due to this my wife is suffering from respiratory problems and headaches and I continually have a blocked nose plus am constantly sneezing. Neighbours we talk to all have respiratory problems

The Vales point Power Station is a disgrace and must be closed down as a matter of urgency. Its pollution emissions are fifteen times higher than are allowed in overseas countries.

The community cannot wait until the scheduled date of 2029 to close this outdated monstrosity. The EPA must refuse its exemption application due to be lodged by 31 December. This power station must be forced to:

Bring down emissions to acceptable levels immediately.
Close down by 2024 rather than 2029.

The EPA does not have a good track record here at Magenta. They have recently approved totally unacceptable new development here.

Please use your influence over the EPA to stop Vales Point Power Station wrecking the environment on the Central Coast.

Yours sincerely,
Stephen and Ranwi Morris

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