

Here in Anglesea we are fortunate to experience a lifestyle close to nature. We enjoy beautiful beaches, national parks and a wide diversity of rare flora and fauna.

In the midst of this beauty we continue to have Alcoa's brown coal fired power station operating next to our town.

Under the Mines (Aluminium Agreement) Act 1961, Alcoa Anglesea intends to "exercise its right to a second 50 year term." It is our understanding that Alcoa and the State Government plan to sign a renewed lease in the next few weeks. This will allow Alcoa to continue current mining and power station operations and continue the expansion of the mine.

The burning of fossil fuels, particularly in the case of coal, poses significant risks to human health. The continuation and expansion of coal mining and combustion so close to the Anglesea township, and its vulnerable populations of school children and the elderly, represents a significant public health risk.

It is of further concern that if the mining lease is signed and the mining operations are expanded, this current hazard to public health will increase. Over time, as the population increases, greater numbers of people including vulnerable children and the elderly will be exposed.

It is for these reasons that I am calling for two actions:

1. That a Government funded independent study be undertaken into air quality in Anglesea to establish the current levels of pollutants in our environment.
2. That Alcoa undergo a transition to renewable energy to power its operations at Point Henry.

We deserve to know the current state of the air we breathe and how Alcoa's operation is going to transition to renewable energy sources for the future.

Yours Sincerely,

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Suburb and Postcode: