

## Inquiry into the Closure of the Hazelwood and Yallourn Power Stations

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**Organisation Name:**  
**Your position or role:**

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

I am a resident in the Latrobe valley

For so many decades this beautiful area has been used and abused by dirty polluting industries to provide power and profits to the rest of the state and to many parts of Australia.

As a result of that we have seen many parts of the valley become socially and economically depressed with low income or no income families, poor job opportunities and large social problems.

Sadly governments both state and federal want to continue this use of the valley for dirty polluting industries rather than to invest in new clean high tech industries

The 2 worst examples are the Lead Acid Battery Recycling plant that was announced without consultation or agreement with residents, and the Carbon Dioxide production plant that has been called a Hydrogen production facility.

Hydrogen cannot be created from Carbon as is alluded to by the advertising and media reports, this plant is to use fossil fuel to link carbon with oxygen producing massive amounts of dangerous Carbon Dioxide to release a small amount of Hydrogen as a by product. This is a highly questionable industry and the technology and storage of the CO2 has never been fully tested

Once again the Latrobe Valley is to be used for dirty untested factories.

It's time to accept the findings of the inquiries into the Morwell Mine Fire Disaster and to change the focus of industry and employment in the valley.

It's time to consider the residents before considering the desires of multinational companies.

It's time our government and our government officials protected the citizens of Victoria rather than doing sweetheart deals behind closed doors.

We want industry and jobs

We want safe clean green renewable industries and jobs that have a safe future

We do not want a repeat of the same problems and disasters we have suffered in the past.

I would like to speak to my submission if possible

I am an older disabled ex serviceman who is uncomfortable writing because of the combination of PTSD and dyslexia

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**  
**File2:**  
**File3:**

**Signature:**  
Doug Steley