

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

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

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

The closure of Hazelwood Power Station had a dramatic effect on the whole Latrobe Valley community. Economically, sociologically, and psychologically. It was sudden and unexpected, it shook the foundations of our 'being'. The consequential appeasements and offerings by the State Government have been questionable to say the least. The LVA, established with money extracted from Engie, has left many questioning its validity. The fact that the CEO doesn't reside in the LV, has exceptionally strong ties to the ALP, and has a eye-watering salary leaves many of us gob-smacked. Recipients of the largesse distributed have no connection or relevance to the effects of Hazelwoods closure. A city Hall in nearby Sale being renovated did nothing to benefit the residual unemployment in the Valley. A sporting Pavilion upgrade in Briagalong??? The parameters were loose, the funding decisions even looser. A comprehensive list of recipients needs to be available, and the resultant benefits to the LV community should be assessed. In my opinion, the Valley has been paid 'lip-service' once again. We have been demonised as a region due to political affiliations and aspirations. No amount of feel good # etc will compensate for the damage done. We need real solutions, not bandaids. Promises of future Industry investment have not eventuated. We have been given short-term sweeteners in place of long-term possibility. Our pride of place has been lost.

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

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