

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

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I have extensive experience treating patients with acute and chronic disease as I worked as an Intensive Care Ambulance Paramedic for nearly 30 years, most of that time on the Central Coast. I attended to many patients with breathing problems over that time. I was the Officer In-Charge of the Toukley Ambulance Station for 10 years.

When treating patients with breathing problems such as asthma, who have called an emergency Ambulance, I have noted that they all are in "extreme stress", fearing that they are going to die. This is the same for children and it is extremely stressful for all in attendance. There are many other conditions that cause shortness of breath and they all have the same effect.

On a personal note, my 2.5 year old granddaughter who has lived at Wyee Point and Wyee has recently been diagnosed with asthma requiring twice daily ventolin.

I fear that the Vales Point Power Station which is in close proximity has had a part in my granddaughter suffering from this terrible disease.

I believe that our State Representatives have a "Duty of Care" to protect the citizens of this State and that the Clean Air Act should reflect the safe keeping of our people without exception.

I particularly wish to state at this time that there should be no exemptions to the "Rules and Allowable Emissions, from any Power Station which includes Vales Point.

May I state the following: allowing Vales Point Power Station to pump out twice the Licensed amount of toxins (NO2 AND OTHERS) INTO THE AIR THAT MY FAMILY BREATHES EVERY DAY IN UNACCEPTABLE. If they can be Licensed to do this then can I be Licensed to drive on the M1 at twice the speed because I would like to get around faster, I'm sure my request would be unacceptable and Vales Point request should be equally unacceptable.

I thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Regards

Stephen Hogeveen