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RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AUSTRALIA CLAIMS RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING

Delta Electricity, the operator of the Vales Point Power Station, has strongly rejected the claims by Environmental Justice Australia, labelling them as factually incorrect and deliberately misleading.

Company spokesperson, Steve Gurney, stated that the Vales Point Power Station had been operating in accordance with strict environmental licence conditions, with diligent oversight by the Environmental Protection Authority.

'Environmental Justice Australia is a group of anti-coal activists with one objective, to shut down coal fired power stations', Mr Gurney said.

The real facts are that:

1. Vales Point Power Station stack emissions on both units are monitored on a continuous basis;
2. emission measurements are verified annually with stack gas testing conducted by an independent party;
3. the testing is conducted in accordance with the EPA's required methodology; and
4. data is posted on Delta's website monthly for all to see.

Delta additionally monitors local air quality and these results are reported to the EPA. Mr Gurney also said 'Delta works with the local community on ways to improve operations on the site. Fabric filter technology to replace precipitators was installed at the site over a decade ago following consultation with the local community. The filters remove 99.9% of particulate emissions.

Delta continues to invest significantly in the power station to improve operations and environmental outcomes. 'Over the next two years Delta will spend in excess of \$55M on plant investments alone' Mr Gurney said.

Mr Gurney stated 'Delta takes its environmental responsibilities and its relationship with the local community very seriously. Delta maintains a constructive relationship with its nearby community, conducting quarterly forums which include inspections and information on plant upgrades.

The EJA inference that the EPA is not doing its job is also incorrect. As a licence holder Delta can confirm that the EPA regulates on an arms-length basis and has conducted numerous site visits to Vales Point, including on-the-spot inspections.

Environmental Justice Australia are a Victorian based environment group with an anti-coal platform who want to shut down coal fired generators now. This would see the lights go out, cost industry jobs and decimate the NSW economy.

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