[INSERT Your name and address]

[INSERT Date]

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I have been with AGL for <length of time> and recently became aware that AGL is Australia’s biggest climate polluter, generating 38 million tonnes carbon pollution every year.

Over 80% of AGL’s power comes from the mining and burning of coal – which is the number one contributor to global warming worldwide. I am seriously concerned about the impacts of climate change that are already playing out across our communities and precious ecosystems like the Great Barrier Reef.

AGL continues to operate the largest gas field in NSW – with wells operating within 200m of people’s homes. Families living close to the Camden gas field, regularly report health complaints including non-stop blood noses, headaches, itching eyes and respiratory problems.

It was pleasing to see AGL’s decision to pull out of plans to extract coal seam gas in Gloucester. However, I would also like to see a commitment to decommission existing Camden wells close to homes immediately. Seven years is too long to wait for the families who have already endured pain and suffering.

Toxic emissions from coal fired power also damage people’s health and is known to cause breathing, heart and nervous system diseases — costing the Australian economy around $2.6 billion annually.

I am aware that your CEO has been speaking publicly for the need to close coal-fired power stations to address the threat of global warming, and that AGL has made a commitment to close Liddell, Bayswater and Loy Yang A power stations by 2050.

However, **2050 is far too late to meet your company’s own commitment of keeping the globe under 2 degrees of dangerous warming[[1]](#footnote-0)**. Climate science dictates that if we are to avoid the worst effects of global warming, Australia must transition away from fossil fuels within the next 10-15 years. A move to 100% renewable power in Australia by 2030 is practical, achievable, economically sound and overwhelmingly popular.[[2]](#footnote-1)

Yes, I am aware that AGL also owns and funds renewable energy projects – this is of course important and worthy but I don’t support the idea that you would at the same time continue to own and operate three aging coal fired power stations that are holding back the transition to clean energy.

**I am calling on you to review your timeline for the closure of AGL’s fossil fuel extraction and generation and outline a 10 year transition plan.**

If I do not feel you have made sufficient progress on this matter by your AGM in September, I will have no hesitation in shifting my account to another company to ensure I am not supporting an industry that is polluting the environment and causing climate destruction.

Yours sincerely,

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1. We Mean Business commitment. Sept 2015<https://www.agl.com.au/about-agl/media-centre/article-list/2015/september/agl-adopts-we-mean-business-commitments> [↑](#footnote-ref-0)
2. Home Grown Power Plan https://www.getup.org.au/campaigns/renewable-energy/homegrown-power-plan/homegrown-power-plan [↑](#footnote-ref-1)