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Subject: Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 7 of 2008 - Power Station

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to make a brief comment on the Report, brief because of a lack of time, not a lack of concern.

I thought the contents of the Report were a very fair representation of the Stanhope handling of the power station development.

My comments are:

- 1 there was no consultation with the public about the 2nd site. There was silence followed by a public announcement by the Stanhope govt, there was absolutely no consultation with the community. It was an insult to be told in the press release that there was. Stanhope has not developed any policies or processes to enable consultation, or if the govt has, they have not been used.
- 2 there never was any following by the Stanhope government of planning procedures and law, in particular I refer to the fact that ACTEWAGL had their planning application considered despite not owning the land. Procedures were not followed when the application was allowed to transfer to the second site, even worse, this was allowed to happen with the supporting documentation, but the objections were not allowed to transfer with it.
- 3 I agree there was absolutely not probity whatsoever by the Stanhope government.
- 4 I find it a disgrace that the Stanhope govt appeared to have threatened the Auditor General's role when comments were recently made about funding for the office.

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