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## Mark, this is the new report the big polluters don't want you to see.

The Green Electricity Guide, released today by Greenpeace and the Total Environment Centre, exposes the hypocrisy of the country's biggest energy companies – coal-guzzling giants like AGL, Origin, Simply Energy and EnergyAustralia.

They want us to believe they're at the forefront of the sector when it comes to clean, renewable energy, but the facts don't lie – these companies are still stuck in the dirty, coal-fired past.

Find out whether your power company stacks up, and make sure you and your friends aren't inadvertently supporting fossil fuels and coal seam gas.

Mark, the energy sector's biggest polluters have spent the last year slapping on the greenwash, trying to convince consumers they've turned a new leaf on renewable energy.

## That's why it's so important we get the facts out there.

Of the four biggest polluters in the sector, **Simply Energy** is the worst, ranked second last out of the 23 retailers. The company scored a pathetic 2.9 out of 10, dragged down by their industry-record emissions, their opposition to the Renewable Energy Target and their lack of support for GreenPower. **EnergyAustralia** isn't much better, scoring second-lowest for their emissions and among the worst for their investments in coal and coal seam gas.<sup>[1]</sup>

Meanwhile AGL and Origin continue to lag behind the best in the industry, with poor scores for their carbon emissions and their on-going support for dirty fossil fuels.

But these two energy giants are starting to move in the right direction on climate change, and if we can push them further towards cleaning up their act the rest of the industry will fall in line.

The Better Power campaign is helping do just that by helping thousands of members pull the plug on these dirty coal giants and make the switch to Powershop, ranked the greenest retailer in Australia in the *Green Electricity Guide* for the second year running.

Ramp up the pressure on Australia's worst polluters by sharing the Green Electricity Guide, and learn more about GetUp's Better Power campaign!

AGL and Origin both made positive noises at their recent AGMs about reducing their emissions, after sustained pressure from the Better Power campaign and others in the movement.<sup>[2]</sup> They've fallen short of adopting concrete targets, and they need to bring forward the closures of their coal-fired power stations if they want to be taken seriously, but once they move the competition will follow.

The best way we can ramp up the pressure on Australia's dirty power giants is by voting with our wallets by switching to greener alternatives. That starts with education, which is why it's so important to share *The Green Electricity Guide* with your friends and family.

Mark, will you help us get the word out about Australia's worst polluters, and consider switching to Australia's greenest retailer?

Thanks Mark, let's vote with our wallets for a clean energy future.

## Anthony, Lily and Kara, for the GetUp team

## References

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