

GAS WATCH 187.

AGL – HAVE THEY OVERSTEPPED THE LINE BETWEEN SPINNING & LYING?

An **AGL** company mouthpiece went on record last week complaining that this Alliance broadcast “misinformation” and that we had never produced one **fact** to support any of our allegations about the behaviour of **AGL** in its coal seam methane mining activities.

So here we go again. Wouldn't it be much more simple for them to admit they have breached some conditions in the past and perhaps say what they are doing to prevent them in the future.

But no, we have to waste our time digging out the **facts** that they deny ever happened.

Here, just briefly, are just some of those **facts** again:

FACT 1.

During August, 2010 **AGL**, in the course of its exploration for coal seam methane in the Hunter, **AGL** dumped an alleged 300,000 litres of salty contaminated water onto pasture, killing the pasture. **AGL** admitted to 110,000 litres, and was ordered to remediate the site. The NSW Ombudsman said: *“it appears to me that AGL breached their licence conditions by discharging the contaminated water”* (NSW Ombudsman ref: C/2010/7463).

FACT 2.

In July, 2011 **AGL** was issued with a *“formal warning”* by the Government following a blowout of a methane well near Campbelltown caused by incorrect operation of the well.

FACT 3.

AGL failed *“to comply with the Licence conditions in both of its Petroleum Exploration Licences affecting the Hunter Valley Wine Country* (Report on Audit of Coal and Petroleum Exploration Licences in NSW – Phase 2).

FACT 4.

September, 2011 **AGL**'s spokesperson gave evidence before a Senate Enquiry in which he said that **AGL** would not force entry onto any property if the owner said *“no”*. (Hansard).

FACT 5.

Contrary to the evidence given before the Senate Enquiry, in 2012 **AGL** fought tooth and nail, IN COURT, against the residents of Gloucester forcing coal seam methane production wells on that community.

FACT 6.

An **AGL** employee stole community protest signs at Broke.

FACT 7.

AGL was expelled, the first ever member to be so, from its membership of the respected Hunter Valley Wine Industry Association.

FACT 8.

AGL spokesman contradicted scientists Dr. Stuart Khan and Dr. Gavin Mudd (Landline 4.3.2012) when he claimed that there was no risk of contamination of fresh water from coal seam water.

<http://www.abc.net.au/iview/#/search/landline> or see the transcript at <http://www.abc.net.au/landline/content/2012/s3445186.htm>

FACT 9.

In August, 2012 **AGL** admitted failing to comply with its Environment Protection Licence at its massive Camden gas works for a continuous period of 3 years.

So these are just some of the **facts** so vehemently denied by **AGL** as existing at all. And just to top it all off, a few photos of AGL sites on declared Strategic Agricultural Land, and the work practices at them:



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