

# **GAS WATCH 190.**

**Just when you thought the Federal Government had grown an environmental backbone – it approves the Gloucester CSG project!**

**One day Federal Environment Minister Burke slams the O'Farrell Government for its slack approach to CSG.**

**The next day Burke aids and abets **AGL** in its environmental destruction of prime agricultural land around Gloucester – although today Burke described his approval as a “Clayton’s approval”, an approval you give when you are not really giving an approval??**

**Looks like he has done this simply to punish the O'Farrell Government for its slack environmental laws in relation to CSG.**

**The GM of Methane Mining for **AGL**, Mike Moraza, gave evidence before a Senate enquiry that **AGL** would not force entry onto any land: “*There is a lot of country out there that can be explored and we would move on.*”<sup>(Hansard)</sup>**

– yet in complete opposition to that evidence **AGL** has now been successful in Court, forcing 110 gas wells on the people of Gloucester. But the likes of **AGL** never reveal the final scope of their whole CSG project. Who knows, we could end up with thousands of wells anywhere from Merriwa to Newcastle.

When **AGL** has finished raping this prime agricultural land in the Hunter Valley for fossil fuel, and the gas fields are mature and the environmental, health and social damage becomes apparent, the **AGLs** of the world will be long gone and enjoying their bonuses far away from their abandoned gasfields.

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This is the gas field at Wieambilla near Tara Queensland. A future Gloucester landscape?

