

GAS WATCH 192.

HUNTER VALLEY COUNCIL REJECTS COAL SEAM METHANE GAS.

Tonight, Singleton Council unanimously rejected an application by **AGL Energy to access Council road reserves for its coal seam methane exploration.**

The packed public gallery burst into applause when Councillors resolved not only to refuse AGL's access to road reserves for seismic CSG exploration, but to reaffirm Council's objection to all CSG activities in the Singleton LGA.

In yet another display of arrogance, **AGL** didn't even turn up to support their application, notice of which they not give to the community.

Singleton Council is doing what the fossil fuel friendly Minister Chris Hartcher won't do, and that is support the community against the ravages of coal seam methane gas exploration and extraction in sensitive areas.

When will the O'Farrell Government, and those of his Ministers (Hartcher, Hazzard, Stoner and Souris) who promised to keep the Hunter Valley vineyards, honour their promises. Or did they just lie to win the election?

AGL continues to hit its head against a brick wall. AGL has lost its social licence, if it ever had one, and should just leave sensitive areas of the country well alone.

The community has spoken through its Council – “AGL – Get out of the Hunter Valley”.

The resolution of Singleton Council tonight: *“ That Council refuse the request by AGL for seismic testing on road reserves under S. 72 of the Petroleum (Onshore) Act due to uncertain damage to Council's important and expensive infrastructure being road and road surface. Further that Council reaffirms its position in objecting to CSG activities in the Singleton LGA particularly due to the release of the Land Use Strategy and the Draft Aquifer Interference Policy which leaves exploration out of the Gateway Process”*

Thank you to our forward looking Councillors.

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