

GAS WATCH 203.

AGL changes its argument from CSG is “safe” to “there is a gas supply crisis”.

AGL, claimed at this week’s CSG Industry Conference that there is a “gas supply crisis” – a new phrase made up by APPEA in only February of this year.

Clearly **AGL** has failed in its efforts to produce evidence to the community and all levels of Government that CSG mining is safe, and is thus trying a new tack to panic the O’Farrell Government into reversing its decision to protect residential zones and to protect critical agricultural and associated industries from the ravages of coal seam methane mining.

This of course flies in the face of the real facts, and that is that there is plenty of gas available for NSW. Just ask BHP! And of course, there appears to be no doubt that much of any mined coal seam methane will be exported.

The claim of **AGLs** methane mining manager Mike Moraza that the O’Farrell Government is making “policy on the run” “not based on any evidence or scientific information” shows that **AGL** either ignores the mountain of evidence that CSG mining is a significant risk to the environment, to human health, and overall is a dirtier fuel than coal, or **AGL** has realised it has failed in that campaign and has elected to change its campaign and attempt to panic the community and the Government.

Now what’s their next ruse going to be now that they have changed their advertising from safe CSG extraction to their new “crisis” claim?

This industry cannot be trusted to be honest with the community.

And whilst all this happening, **AGL** continues to drill for coal seam methane in the Hunter Valley vineyards, an exclusion zone under the draft SEPP. This appears to be an expensive way to keep up their pressure on the State Government.

AGL is not wanted in the Hunter Valley by the community, by the local Council, or by the State Government. **AGL** should just pack up and leave, saving their shareholders continuing expense, and saving the Hunter Valley community from continuing uncertainty.

FAREWELL AGL.



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