

GAS WATCH 208.

O'Farrell Govt "endorses" CSG exclusions in February ... now sits on its hands !!

Despite cabinet "endorsing" the exclusion of important zones from coal seam gas activity nearly six months ago, it has failed to act on its promise.

The Hunter's been waiting long enough and needs to get back to business, and the only way is to put pressure back onto the Government to come good and start acting on behalf of the community, not big mining companies.

Cabinet had "endorsed" the exclusion of residential zones and critical industry clusters - both viticulture and equine industries - from CSG activity.

Barry O'Farrell media release 19th February, 2013.

The head of the Government's new CSG Department, Rachel Connell, said the necessary SEPP would be enacted in May.

Minister Hazzard's office said the same.

Why is this Government still sitting on it in July?

Is the Government stalling and hoping people won't notice?

Suspicion continues to rise in the community that the Government is going to renege on its "endorsement" and therefore renege on its pre-election promises to protect viticulture and equine industries from CSG activity.

The Hunter wine industry needs to be confident that it can continue to invest in its future – that confidence needs the exclusion zone SEPP to go through urgently.

Again, please email Barry O'Farrell office@premier.nsw.gov.au Chris Hartcher office@hartcher.minister.nsw.gov.au Brad Hazzard office@hazzard.minister.nsw.gov.au and George Souris office@souris.minister.nsw.gov.au and ask why this SEPP for exclusion zones hasn't yet been dealt with, and DEMAND that it be dealt with immediately to give the landowners of NSW some security for our future.



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