

# **GAS WATCH 209.**

**AGL's "gas supply crisis" simply a lot of hot air.**

**AGL's efforts to scare the O'Farrell Govt into relaxing CSG laws revealed by The Australia Institute to be nonsense.**

It is the CSG industry itself, with its export-drive for coal seam methane, which will be driving the prices up three fold.

There is plenty of gas available in NSW for hundreds of years.

Senior economist at The Australia Institute, Matt Grudnoff, says in relation to proposed increases in wholesale gas prices, that:

*"the increase is linked to plans to sell gas from eastern Australia overseas."*

*"It's not the lack of supply that is going to drive up gas prices. It's the introduction of CSG as a new form of supply."*

*"Many in the gas industry would like us to believe that public opposition to CSG is the reason for the impending price increases. But it's the determination of the gas industry to sell to the highest bidder."*

Ever since AGL and APPEA invented the slogan "gas supply crisis" in February of this year, this Alliance has provided continuing proof that it is a lie. A lie apparently swallowed hook, line and sinker by Minister Hartcher.

And whilst this Government listens to the coal seam methane gas extractors, and refuses to listen to the community, the environment and the people of the Hunter face an uncertain future.

No doubt the AGL's of Australia are telling the Government that it should change its stance on exclusion zones. Well, Barry O'Farrell and George Souris, you have told us that the exclusion zones will be made LAW. The community intends to hold you to that.

It's time the O'Farrell Government faced up to its responsibility of caring for the environment and enacted the laws it has announced and promised, to save prime agricultural lands and the families and businesses which depend on them.



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