

# **GAS WATCH 216.**

## **“HEALTH ALERTS” ISSUED FOR THE HUNTER.**

**Hunter Valley residents breathe dangerous levels of dust – two days in a row.**

**On 17<sup>th</sup> August and 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 the Department of Environment and Heritage issued “health alerts”.**

**The P<sub>10</sub> dust levels today reached 60.7 micrograms per cubic metre at 7 am.**

**97.8 micrograms per cubic metre was measured yesterday at 6 am – a health hazard.**

The Department says that anything between 75 and 100 is very poor and that 100+ is hazardous to the health.

The Hunter has reached 300 at times – a level which can damage the lungs and which is cancer inducing.

And this in an environment where the O’Farrell Government wants to have law which says that the size of the mine is more important than anything else.

In an environment where the Government goes to Court to support the extension of the Warkworth open cut coal mine with the risk of the destruction of the rural village of Bulga, let alone the quality of the air we must breathe.

In an environment where the O’Farrell Government wants to encourage coal seam methane gas extraction and is bowing to the demands of the fossil fuel industry.

The public deserves better from this Government.

This Government needs to honour its many promises to protect the Hunter Valley’s iconic industries, agriculture, viticulture, equine industry and tourism. It needs to do that now, and not continue to hide until after the Federal election.



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