

GAS WATCH 223.

Resource Minister Chris Hartcher wants to change the accurate name “unconventional coal seam methane gas” or “CSG” to “natural gas from coal seams”.

Great shades of George Orwell’s 1984.

This is just another O’Farrell Government attempt to dilute the CSG argument and make the CSG industry sound safe.

It’s the same old industry, the same old CSG, same old risks.

Is it true – or is it just a joke from the “Ministry of Truth”?

It is being taken so seriously on Facebook* that it is wondered what other phrases could be changed to improve how they sound, eg:

- “Bank Robbery = inadvertent hostile currency depletion”.
- Car Crash = spontaneous crumple zone evaluation.
- Coal = natural solid from coal seams; Petrol = natural liquid from oil deposits; Wood = natural solid fuel from old growth heritage forests.

As one contributor says on face book – adding “natural” doesn’t make it safe or its extraction environmentally safe. We agree.

And other “**natural**” substances which come from CSG mining include **Arsenic, Beryllium, Cadmium, Carbon monoxide (140,000 kgs of it during 2012 at Arrow-see below), Chromium, Copper, Fluoride, Formaldehyde, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Oxides of Nitrogen, Particulate matter 10 um and 2.5 um, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, sulfur dioxide and volatile organic compounds.** This is set out in full in the Australian Government website in relation to Arrow Energy’s Daandine Gas Field in Dalby Queensland. Select the “emissions” tab at:

<http://www.npi.gov.au/npidata/action/load/emission-by-individual-facility-result/criteria/state/null/year/2012/jurisdiction-facility/Q012ARR003>

Nice to see Chris Hartcher introduce a bit of humor into an otherwise deadly serious debate.



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