

# **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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