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AGL - still spinning the figures.

AGL's claim:

"More than 50% of people in Gloucester and surrounding areas said there were benefits to having AGL Energy operate in the region, a community survey has found." *

AGL is merely up to its usual antics of spinning the statistics to make it look good for them.

The facts:

- The small print in their media release says that only 200 people in Gloucester were surveyed by telephone in early September.
- The population of Gloucester LGA is 4,877.
- 94 people, or 1.9% of the population, said that thought they would be able to obtain cheaper/cleaner energy.

Well good luck with that.

- Electricity and gas prices are already soaring, the gas price because of the CSG industry entering into the export arena.
- 83 people, or 1.7% of the population, said that there would be employment opportunities.
- 73 people, or 1.5% of the population thought it would bring money into the region.
- 23 people, or 0.5% of the population, reckoned they would see improved infrastructure. Dreaming.

The result of the survey simply shows absolutely nothing, other than there is a small handful of Gloucester residents who might see some short term benefit in AGL drilling and fracking for unconventional coal seam methane gas in and around Gloucester.

If we wanted to put our own spin on it, does this mean that between 98.1% and 99.5% of Gloucester residents can see no benefit at all?? Good one AGL!



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^{*} http://www.agl.com.au/about-agl/media-centre/article-list/2013/nov/more-than-half-of-gloucester-people-surveyed-see-benefit-of-agl-in-community