

# **GAS WATCH 231.**

## **AGL to “focus our presence” in Hunter Valley CSG exclusion zones.**

**AGL** intends to *“focus our presence in the Hunter region at our property at Yellow Rock, near Broke.”* This “focus” comes as an unwelcome surprise to the people of Broke and to the Hunter Valley winegrowing community.

**AGL** appears intent on turning the Hunter Valley into an industrial gas field, and is moving moving its Singleton shopfront and information centre onto rural land owned by **AGL** near the vineyard village of Broke.

The property onto which **AGL** is to set up its shopfront and information centre is zoned as Rural land.

Further, the land is within the CSG exclusion zone around the Broke village, and the land is also within the winegrowing Critical Industry Cluster exclusion zone.

Under the Singleton Council’s Local Environmental Plan, it appears that “business premises” on rural land are currently “Prohibited”.

We have asked Singleton Council for a copy of the **AGL**’s Development Application so that members of the community who reside in the rural area adjacent to Yellow Rock can make their objections known.

This announcement by **AGL** is typical of the contempt in which **AGL** holds the community of the Hunter Valley. No consultation with the community, just an announcement telling the community of decisions they have already made.

**AGL just doesn’t seem to get it.** The community doesn’t want them in the Hunter. The Government doesn’t want them near residential areas or within Critical Industry Clusters, such as winegrowing areas. Yet **AGL** continues to spend its shareholders money in its attempt to force itself on the Hunter community.

The only question to be asked of **AGL** at their shop and information centre is “when are you leaving the Hunter vineyards?” so we can say “Farewell **AGL**.”



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