

GAS WATCH 24.

DID SYDNEY GAS JUST MAKE A MISTAKE IN ITS REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS (REF) FOR THE SEISMIC ACQUISITION SURVEY?

Sydney Gas is required to prepare and lodge, with the Department, a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) when they apply for approval for exploration. That REF is used by the Department to decide whether or not approval should be granted.

Of course we know in the two REFs lodged to date that Sydney Gas claims that it has had proper community consultation, and we know that's not right.

But in the Sydney Gas REF for the seismic acquisition, you don't have to look too far into it before you find the first "mistake". Well, was it a mistake? Make up your own mind.

This is a photograph which Sydney Gas put in its Review of Environmental Factors, as lodged with the Department, showing the seismic acquisition vehicles:



This is a photograph of the vehicles which were actually used in the Sydney Gas seismic acquisition survey.



It's no wonder that significant damage was occasioned to our local roads. Singleton Council is now debating the Sydney Gas damage.

How stupid do Sydney Gas think that we, the community are? Did they think we wouldn't notice the size of these trucks, which it might be added worked noisily on Sundays notwithstanding the prohibition of work on Sundays, as compared to the photographs in the Sydney Gas REF.

How stupid do Sydney Gas think the Department is? Oh, they won't come out and check what size vehicles we are using, they'll trust us.

Would the Department have approved the seismic acquisition if they had known of the size and weight of these vehicles?

How stupid do Sydney Gas think the Singleton Council is?

Would Singleton Council have wanted to have input had it known of the size and weight of these trucks?

When are Sydney Gas going to be honest with the community and with the various branches of Government?

How much damage has been done to our roads. Singleton Council is currently debating the Sydney Gas road damage with a view, apparently, of requiring Sydney Gas to pay for the restoration of the damaged surfaces.

Sydney Gas just continue to get it wrong.

How can Sydney Gas be trusted to:

- **drill through our water tables;**
- **properly store and dispose of toxic water;**
- **care for the environment;**
- **safely extract and pipe gas.**

Judging by their current attitude, they can't.

IF YOU ARE APPROACHED BY SYDNEY GAS FOR PERMISSION TO DRILL ON YOUR PROPERTY, JUST SAY "NO", and save our tranquil side of the Hunter Valley.

Check out the HB GAG website for more information.

Contact HB GAG for free legal advice in relation to Sydney Gas.

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Oh, and by the way, that photograph on the Sydney Gas "information sheet" of that field in Camden did look very nice. But here's a photograph of the exploration well at Yarramalong. A bit different? Not a great deal of green there! Wonder why they didn't use the Yarramalong photo instead of the Camden one!

