

# **GAS WATCH 241.**

## **Meet the Frackers.**

### **You will need to get to know them.**

#### **Why?**

**AGL now says they could be thinking about fracking for CSG in the Broke and Bulga vineyards for another ONE HUNDRED YEARS.**

**And if AGL does decide within the next 100 years to extract coal seam methane gas from under the vineyards, AGL says there will be a “VIRTUAL PIPELINE” of LNG tankers transferring the methane gas from the Hunter vineyards to its Tomago gas storage tanks.**

And these are just some of the extraordinary announcements made by AGL’s General Manager of CSG mining at the Community Consultative Committee meeting on 30th June last.

What AGL said was:

1. That AGL had written off 146 PJ of 2P reserves in the Hunter and had only 40 PJ left on the properties they own.
2. That AGL would construct a series of mini LNG compressor plants on their properties.
3. That AGL would amortise capital investment over 15 years which means producing less than 3 PJ per year with the need, and expense, to move drilling plant from one pod to another.
4. That there would be a “virtual pipeline” of tankers taking gas to Tomago or elsewhere once they started extracting gas.
5. **That the project would take more than 5 years but less than 100 years.**

Clearly AGL is clutching at straws and keeping the Broke Fordwich winegrowing area in a state of limbo for up to 100 years. Such a threat hanging over the area would stymie, and eventually kill off, investment and growth of the wine industry and the wine tourism industry in this internationally recognized area. Imagine the outcry if CSG miners wanted to enter into any of the famous winegrowing areas of France.

This is, of course, a ridiculous state of affairs and this Alliance has written to all Members of Parliament, and to each individual Director of AGL urging that:

1. The viticulture Critical Industry Exclusion Zone revert to the initial Strategic Land use Plan which protected the whole of the registered Broke Fordwich winegrowing region.
2. The Petroleum Exploration Licence 267 covering the vineyard area be either not renewed, or renewed with the exclusion of the vineyard areas.
3. AGL pull out of what is clearly an uneconomic and unviable project and not continue to threaten the current burgeoning, viable and sustainable wine and wine tourism industries.

The letters to the MPs and to the AGL directors can be accessed, along with our current submission in relation to the proposed further amendments to the Mining SEPP, at the below links.



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