

GAS WATCH 257.

AGL won't speak to the community other than through the media.

Nothing's changed with the promised "comprehensive review" of AGL's CSG business.

For some weeks, now, this Alliance has been attempting to meet with, and speak to, the new management team announced by the fresh AGL CEO on the departure of the former GM of CSG at AGL, Mike Moraza.

A lengthy letter forwarded to the new GM of CSG, Scott Thomas, on 10th March has gone unanswered.

AGL clearly prefers to speak, or rather lecture, through the media rather than consulting with the community.

We did hope that there would be a new, consultative broom following upon the AGL announcement on 18th February, last, that AGL *"would undertake a comprehensive review of the company's Upstream Gas business."* **But nothing's changed.**

As the community continues to be ignored by AGL we can only report what we see in the Press, and that is:

- **AGL claims that it has rejected a call by the Hunter Valley's wine, tourism and thoroughbred industries for a 10 kilometre buffer around those communities. This buffer is not much to ask, and the recommendation is soundly based – see <http://www.htba.com.au/#!/news/nws3/B49A6781-30A1-44DB-A101-9C7FB0E19B3D/hunter-thoroughbred-breeders%2C-wine-and-tourism-associations-call-for-bipartisan-commitment-to-protect-the-hunter-valley>**
- **AGL claims that it "understands the importance of water to agriculture". Understands? Well it doesn't understand, it has no idea, otherwise why would it:**
 - **Dump hundreds of thousands of litres of salty, contaminated water on to good pasture, killing the pasture.**
 - **Not ensure that its contractors did not dump treated fracking water into the Hunter Water sewerage system, notwithstanding specific instruction not to.**
 - **Have fracking water rejected by another treatment plant contractor.**
 - **Not have any effective plan, or any plan at all for that matter, for disposal of millions of litres of fracking water from its Gloucester project.**
 - **Have its Gloucester project suspended by the Government after the discovery of carcinogenic BTEX chemicals in its fracking water and even after finding them, not reporting the chemicals to the EPA in a timely manner.**

And AGL claims that it *"has a proven track record of working alongside many industries"* at its Camden methane gas field. Nonsense. AGL has breached licence conditions at Camden, at Gloucester, and in the Hunter.

AGL says that Coal Seam Methane Gas fields can co-exist with agriculture. More nonsense. The coal mining industry told us this in the 1980s and now look at the country between Singleton and Muswellbrook. The dark side of the moon. There is no possibility of a working co-existence between mining and agriculture.

AGL and all other Coal Seam Methane Gas miners should be prohibited from operating anywhere near prime agricultural lands and agribusinesses, water systems and populated areas.

Let's hope whichever Government is incoming today proceeds to protect us all.

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