

GAS WATCH 27.

SYDNEY GAS INFORMATION SHEET OCTOBER 2007. Perhaps it *should* read something like this:

“Not the Sydney Gas/AGL Bulga/Broke region Gas Exploration Activity.

This information Sheet aims to mislead all readers into thinking that there has been community consultation, and further to say that drilling through water tables and aquifers, risking the water so that fossil fuels can be located and burnt, is for the good of the local communities of Broke and Bulga.

Bad for the Environment.

Welcome to the latest edition of the Sydney Gas self promotion Information Sheet. We apologise for the footprints we leave on the environment and we hope we won't lose or contaminate your water supply, although we can't guarantee it. We do say however that the risk is miniscule.

Rather than consulting with the community, which is time consuming and not particularly supportive of our proposals, we are now trying to buy community support with a competition. Then, if we receive many entries we can say that we have had correspondence with many members of the community.

Yes, we will give an enormous sum of \$100 (which is a lot from a Company which has lost millions of dollars over the past few years) to the first successful reader who can find an uncontaminated piece of land in the following picture of an exploration well in your neighbouring Wyong Shire, which was later abandoned.



Coring activity.

We have completed our drilling through the water tables and aquifers at the Jessop property at Bulga, however we aren't prepared to tell you what the results of that core

hole were, nor are we prepared to let you have details of how that core hole was sealed. We had a community BBQ to celebrate finishing the drilling, however hardly anybody turned up. Many turned up outside on the street protesting about our behaviour, but we just ignored them, that's what we do best.

We can also now tell you, because it has already happened (and we wouldn't want you to have advance notice), that on 12th September we obtained approval to drill another core hole on the land owner by Mushroom Composters Pty. Ltd., of Singleton. We didn't like to tell the community, or even the Community Consultative Committee, that the application had been lodged in case the community might like to consult with us.

We are also prepared to tell you that we might have applied for approval for a core hole at Howes Valley, but we aren't going confirm that or tell you where or let you have any details of the Review of Environmental Factors, even though that is in breach of our undertaking to the community, just in case the community would like to consult with us.

The hydrogeological assessment we paid for says that core holes can be drilled at any stage because they have no effect on water tables. Of course independent hydrogeological reports obtained by the Yarramalong/Dooralong community came to a different view in relation to those valleys and, as we have already told you, we think that the risk of contamination or lowering of the water tables is miniscule. We don't propose to acknowledge the content of those independent reports, ours is better.

Road Surfaces.

In relation to the road surfaces, we are of the view that the roads may well have not been properly formed, and that is why they were damaged during our Seismic Acquisition Survey, notwithstanding that we used huge trucks instead of the small 4WD vehicles photographed and included in our Review of Environmental Factors.

Community Consultation.

We look forward to the first meeting of the Community Consultative Committee on 31st October. It was originally supposed to meet on 20th September, however we asked for it to be stood over because we weren't in a position to attend. Unfortunately we didn't let the CCC know that we had applied for another core hole, just in case the CCC wanted to consult with us. We would prefer to just do what we want to do without consulting with the community."

Does this look more like how it should have read?

Contact HB GAG for free legal advice in relation to Sydney Gas, particularly if they approach you seeking to drill on your own property.

DO NOT LET SYDNEY GAS ON TO YOUR PROPERTY. THEY HAVE NO RIGHTS TO ENTER WITHOUT YOU SIGNING AN ACCESS AGREEMENT.

Encourage your neighbours also to resist Sydney Gas. Do you want a Gas Well next door? Well, do you?

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