

# **GAS WATCH 33.**

## **SYDNEY GAS FAILS THE COMMUNITY.**

Sydney Gas has failed in community consultation in relation to its recent corehole approvals.

Sydney Gas has failed in its obligation to provide the Bulga Community Consultative Committee (CCC) with “factual and accurate information about the project”.

Has failed to adequately demonstrate to the CCC that “the community’s views are being taken into account in the planning and operation of the project.”

Sydney Gas has apologised and says it “will continue to apologise” for not consulting with the communities of Wollombi and Paynes Crossing prior to obtaining approval for the drilling of core holes through the water tables feeding the Wollombi Brook at both those sites.

Sydney Gas commits “to doing better” in the future.

Sydney Gas believes that, in relation to sidelining the community until after corehole drilling was approved, “apologising when we could have performed better and being accountable, builds rather than erodes trust”.

Obviously Sydney Gas thinks it has a lot to be sorry for. It’s a pretty pathetic state of affairs.

Can Sydney Gas be trusted to drill through our precious water tables when it can’t even adequately consult with the community?

All this apology, rather than action, leaves a pretty nasty taste in the mouth.

What do you think? Let us know on [admin@huntergasactiongroup.com.au](mailto:admin@huntergasactiongroup.com.au)

Research reveals that Sydney Gas does not have community support.

A former CEO of Sydney Gas, Phillip Moore, told an AGM of Sydney Gas “that without community support there is no project.”

The Deputy Director General of Mineral Resources, Allan Coutts, said “without community support there is no project,”

THERE IS NO PUBLIC SUPPORT. THERE SHOULD BE NO PROJECT. The odd landholder who is signing an access agreement for a few dollars does not translate into public support.

### **SYDNEY GAS HAS LET THE COMMUNITY DOWN, YET AGAIN.**

*If you are approached by Sydney Gas, or someone on behalf of Sydney Gas, or by Scott Black, or by Colin Stace, or Andy Lukas, or by Liz Flaherty, we urge you to contact HB GAG for free legal advice in relation to Sydney Gas, or consult your own solicitor, particularly if they approach you seeking to drill on your own property.*

**SYDNEY GAS HAS NO RIGHT TO ENTER WITHOUT YOU SIGNING AN  
ACCESS AGREEMENT.**

**Do you want drilling rigs next door?**

**Do you want Sydney Gas drilling under your property, which they can do without your consent if they are drilling next door? Simple. Don't sign anything that Sydney Gas puts in front of you.**

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