

GAS WATCH 36.

SYDNEY GAS EXPLORATION THREATENS WATER IN THE HUNTER

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE AGREES.

To extract coal seam methane gas it is necessary for Sydney Gas to extract the saline, contaminated water from the coal seams.

The Department of the Environment and Climate Change says:

“As groundwater is extracted it also depletes natural groundwater reserves and aquifers which can have consequences for other regional land uses which may experience a loss of net usable water. This is particularly relevant for farmers who rely on bore water. One solution can be to re-inject recovered water back into aquifers. This however can contaminate these groundwater aquifers.”

Isn't this what we've been saying to Sydney Gas for two years.

Isn't this what Sydney Gas has been denying for two years, and continues to deny

Water in Australia is too precious to have Sydney Gas, or anybody else, drilling through and under aquifers and water tables. Any risk of depletion or contamination is too much. The Government agrees that water in the southern States is going to become more and more scarce.

The Government is clearly aware of the dangers of losing or contaminating water tables and, as a consequence, rivers, streams and other waterways. Why would any Government permit this dire threat to water supplies when it admits it is on notice. **TROUBLE IS THAT TAKING THE GOVERNMENT TO COURT AFTER THE WATER IS GONE DOESN'T BRING IT BACK!**

**DON'T RISK IT. DON'T LET SYDNEY GAS ONTO YOUR LAND FOR ANY
REASON.**

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