

# GAS WATCH 42.

## “RIGHT IN YOUR FACE, BROKE”

### SYDNEY GAS attitude to picturesque Hunter Valley Community.

## THE COMMUNITY MUST RESIST THIS ASSAULT TO SAVE BROKE !

Controversial coal seam methane gas mining Company, Sydney Gas, buys land in Broke.

Apparently unable to obtain an Access Agreement to a particular piece of private land in picturesque Broke, immediately adjacent to the village, and apparently unwilling to explore for gas in more remote areas, Sydney Gas has now bought that particular piece of land and has announced that it proposes to drill pilot wells through the aquifers and water tables.

A plot of land which Singleton Council has declared to be unsuitable for business or industrial use because of the agricultural and tourism industries which predominate the area.

Not only risking waterways of the Hunter Valley, the whole of the village of Broke will be:

- **assaulted** visually by well infrastructure, drilling rigs, flares, trucks. Here's what it looks like at Camden during the day. Huge lights are used for night work.



And this sort of drilling will be right next to Broke village, not in a remote rural area as in the photograph, but immediately adjacent to closely settled land.

- **assaulted** audibly by the noise of drilling rigs, compressors, and truck movements.
- **assaulted** in the homes and gardens of Broke as the risk of methane seepage into water bores and gardens risks their health. Should methane gas seep as a result of the Sydney Gas activities, as it has elsewhere in the world (and indeed only recently north of Newcastle), then water bores would be contaminated and vegetation would be killed.
- **assaulted** so far as the development of the tourism industry in this tranquil valley is concerned.

Sydney Gas will attend a public meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 at the Nightingale Winery at 1239 Milbrodale Road, Broke.

It promises to be a lively meeting with many members of our Group attending, together with members of Wollombi Against Gas Exploration (WAGE) and many members of the community who are outraged that their village should be so targeted:

**There has never been a greater risk to the village of Broke  
There has never been a greater risk to the Wollombi Brook, which  
flows into the Hunter River which in turn supplies the fresh water  
needs of many towns, including those of the Central Coast.**

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN BROKE VILLAGE, OR WHO RELIES ON WATER AND/OR TRANQUILITY FOR THEIR BUSINESSES, TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN. **RALLY TO THE CAUSE!**

WRITE TO OR, PREFERABLY, GO AND SEE YOUR LOCAL MEMBER. TELL THE MP THAT SINGLETON COUNCIL REFUSED A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A BUSINESS ON THIS PIECE OF RURAL LAND, YET SYDNEY GAS CAN WALK IN AND DO FAR WORSE WITHOUT EVEN CONSULTING COUNCIL.

**DON'T LET OUR VILLAGE COME UNDER ASSAULT.**

**DON'T RISK OUR WATER!**

**KEEP SYDNEY GAS OUT OF BROKE.**

**WHY, WHEN THERE IS COAL SEAM GAS READILY AVAILABLE IN  
REMOTE RURAL AREAS, DOES SYDNEY GAS INSIST ON RISKING  
VILLAGE LIFE AS WE KNOW IT?**

**CONSIDER YOUR NEIGHBOUR.**

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