

# GAS WATCH 45.

## **DANGER!**

**Drilling in Gloucester threatened neighbourhood.**

### Underground water in Broke at serious risk of contamination.

According to the report of CM Atkinson: A.J. Lucas Coal Technologies Pty. Ltd., (part of A.J. Lucas group now a major shareholder of Sydney Gas), was the operating company in the Stratford gas prospect near Gloucester in NSW in 2004.

Atkinson reports that AJ Lucas drilled a production drill hole (LMG-03) in August 2004.

“Within two months the tests were halted after methane gas erupted from a number of water boreholes in the area.”

“In this case there were apparently no serious injuries and the methane gas migrated into nearby boreholes rather than houses, essential water supplies or livestock areas.”

“The project manager claimed that this was an accidental methane eruption.”

“This example shows that even with only partial withdrawal of the coal seam water, methane will migrate quickly and in unpredictable directions.”

Sydney Gas is clearly on notice, however it claims that drilling through the water tables, removing water, etc., will not be a risk to our environment or our water.

History does not support that. Where the methane escapes will obviously depend on the geology of the area being drilled.

In view of this clear history, how can the General Manager, a Mark Harper, seriously say “we’re confident about it not damaging the water supply”.

Of course there is a risk, and not just a negligible risk, quite a risk it appears. It has happened, and recently.

Any risk is too great, especially when near houses, a school and a village.

We don’t want our underground water contaminated. Sure we might have town water now, but  
a. many of us also rely on our underground supply, and b. water restrictions have been imposed by Singleton Council only recently. **Our underground water supply is a great asset, and may be essential to the future for our children and our grandchildren, as less rain falls. This action by Sydney Gas will put it at serious risk.**

**HOW CAN SYDNEY GAS HAVE ANY CREDIBILITY, WITH ITS CLAIMS CONTRADICTED BY PRIOR FAILURES?**

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

**DON’T RISK YOUR HOME.**

**KEEP SYDNEY GAS OUT OF BROKE.**

# **Sydney Gas simply doesn't care.**

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