

GAS WATCH 46.

SYDNEY GAS FAILS THE COMMUNITY AGAIN.

Sydney Gas have been asked to prove to the community that it is fair dinkum when it says that “we know categorically that a production plant will not be located on the land we have recently purchased in Broke”.

Just because Sydney Gas has said it won't do something doesn't hold any credence at all, because it has not kept its word in the past.

So, Sydney Gas was given the opportunity to attempt to win back some credibility with the community and asked to place a covenant on the land, that is a legal notice filed with the Lands Department, which would ensure that no current or future owner of that parcel of land could build a gas production plant, or the like, on that land, ever.

Sydney Gas has refused to place this restriction on their land.

What does this tell you?

Sydney Gas has refused to grab this opportunity to show the community that it means what it says!

Sydney Gas has failed to convince the community that it means what it says.

Is Sydney Gas keeping its options open for this land?.

That's what it tells you.

Sydney Gas will say that building such a complex on that land is, at this stage, prohibited by Council – but we all know that Councils change and that zonings can change.

Now we have a further irritation. An example of how Sydney Gas treats the local community.

They simply shut a gate across Blaxland Street in Broke, a public street, and put a sign on the gate prohibiting “unauthorised entry”.

When a local resident brought this blockade to the attention of Sydney Gas, a telephone call was received from a Dana Hollis, a Sydney based employee of Sydney Gas, in which she said that “the sign was put up by somebody who didn't know what they were doing” and that she would have it taken down straight away, and she did.

So, is Sydney Gas now saying that it has employees who don't know what they are doing?

Does this really do anything for your confidence in Sydney Gas, when they are proposing to drill through our water tables, drill on the flood plain, have “explosive vapours” issuing out of the ground within a few hundred metres of the village and the school, and it is to be done by people who “don't know what they're doing”.

This, together with many other reasons – environmental, social, socio-economic, etc., - has prompted the community to call on the Minister to require Sydney Gas to conduct a full Environmental Assessment of their exploration and extraction proposals.

Sydney Gas are opposing a full Environment Assessment, wanting to just do another simple Review of Environmental Factors for the wells adjacent to the village.

The Minister has said on national television that he will require every environmental protection in relation to the activities of Sydney Gas.

We believe that the law now requires a full Environmental Assessment, one into which the community can have input.

We hope that the Minister shows strength in his dealings with Sydney Gas and makes that company accountable to the community, to the Government and to the environment with a full Environmental Assessment, including a full, independent, hydrogeological study.

DON'T LET OUR VILLAGE COME UNDER ASSAULT.

DON'T RISK YOUR HOME.

**DON'T SIGN ANYTHING SYDNEY GAS PUTS IN FRONT OF YOU. SEEK
INDEPENDENT LEGAL ADVICE.**

**FREE LEGAL ADVICE IS AVAILABLE BY SOLICITORS RETAINED BY HB
GAG.**

**KEEP SYDNEY GAS OUT OF BROKE.
Sydney Gas simply doesn't care.**

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