

GAS WATCH 48.

SYDNEY GAS REFUSES, AGAIN, TO AGREE TO A SIMPLE COMMUNITY REQUEST TO PROTECT COMMUNITY.

We asked Sydney Gas to include a clause in their land Access Agreement which would compensate for injury and damage to other people which may occur as a result of Sydney Gas' activities on somebody else's land.

Our legal advice is that the law, as it currently stands, does not protect all third parties, only giving some people rights to compensation for injury or damage, and it also puts landholders upon whose land Sydney Gas was operating at risk of having to pay out of their own pockets, substantial damages.

Why did we put this to Sydney Gas – because we want to see protection for all members of the community, not just some.

**Sydney Gas have boldly said in a response to HB GAG:
“we will not be including a third party indemnity clause in our
Access and Compensation Agreements”.**

Sydney Gas say their legal advice is that the law does cover them injuring third parties, so they don't propose to do anything about it.

So, if Sydney Gas reckons it is responsible for all damages resulting from its gas workings anyway, then why won't they put a simple clause confirming this in its Access Agreements? Is it because such a clause might be enforceable in the Warden's Court? Is it because Sydney Gas doesn't want to be exposed to substantial damages?

It's really “here we go again” isn't it. Sydney Gas only recently has:

- refused to tie up its Broke land so that no gas plant can be built on it;
- refused to put a simple clause in its Access Agreements to compensate all victims of loss;
- refused to bear responsibility for the loss of land values or the loss or damage to businesses.

Sydney Gas reckons its “word” is good enough.

Well, it's not.

Clearly Sydney Gas has no intention of putting itself at any risk, when the risk can be borne by us as individuals and as the community.

**ALL THE MORE REASON TO KEEP SYDNEY GAS OFF YOUR PROPERTY
AND OUT OF OUR VILLAGE.**

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

**THE FEW DOLLARS OFFERED UP FRONT WILL NO WAY COMPENSATE
YOU FOR THE LOSS OF VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY!**

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

Sydney Gas simply doesn't care.

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