

GAS WATCH 53.

SYDNEY GAS PRESENTS ITS OWN:

Reasons why it can't be trusted.

Sydney Gas issued a "Paynes Crossing and Wollombi Core Hole Update" on 10th October, 2008. It's on the Sydney Gas website www.sydneygas.com but no hard copy seems to have been distributed to our community.

In relation to the core hole it is to drill in Wollombi, Sydney Gas says: "***Sydney Gas will only drill ONE four-inch core hole in the Wollombi area. One core hole is generally enough to provide the geological information required***"

So things are different at Broke are they? Sydney Gas has told the Broke community the exact opposite, that it intends to drill about 9 core holes and about 9 test wells, the first of the test wells right next to the Broke village, with the 9 wells all belching CO₂ into the atmosphere for nine months.

Sydney Gas presents another reason evidencing it can't be trusted. Here it seems to have a different spin for different areas.

AND FURTHER, in the same "Update" Sydney Gas it says "***we immediately ruled out*** (three alternate locations for their core hole in the Wollombi area) ***due to their close proximity to the township***".

So they will drill exploration wells right on the edge of Broke village, but claim to be sensitive to the Wollombi township.

A further presentation by Sydney Gas confirming that it can't be trusted. One set of rules for one area, another set for another.

And why won't they drill in "close proximity" to the township of Wollombi? Could it be because of the risk of methane migration affecting residents, school children, vegetation; or perhaps the risk of explosion as advertised on the current Broke site.

Then, in the same "update" it threatens the residents of Wollombi that if the community doesn't come up with an alternate site, then they will drill where they already have permission, whether the community likes it or not. No consideration shown here for community relations, for the environment, for the scenic landscape, for the Heritage restrictions.

Sydney Gas doesn't seem to be able to get it right, do they. Are they now trying to pit residents against residents, and communities against communities? Looks like it.

IF SYDNEY GAS KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR, SAY "NO" – Tell them why they can't be trusted.

Free legal advice is available in relation to any proposals put to you by Sydney Gas.

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