

# **GAS WATCH 54.**

## **SYDNEY GAS RECKONS IT'S "CLEANER & GREENER"** **NONSENSE.**

Of course, this claim is complete nonsense.

Sydney Gas is promoting Methane gas as an energy source which is "cleaner and greener" than burning coal.

Nonsense. It's just another fossil fuel to contribute to global warming.

Sustainable "clean and green" power comes from solar, from wind, from tides, from waves, from hot rocks. It does not come from yet another fossil fuel being released.

On the Sydney Gas website the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> being belched into the atmosphere from burning Methane gas is variously described as being "almost half of the green house gas of burning coal"; or of being "about half" of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of burning coal.

They either can't get it right; or one part of Sydney Gas doesn't know what the other half is doing; or they are just trying to spin it to try and convince us that burning fossil fuels is good for us.

Nonsense. You would think they would check the website and make sure that its claims were consistent, and/or accurate.

On our calculations the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> belched into the atmosphere from burning methane gas is almost 60% of that from burning coal. Not "almost half". Not "about half". And this is significant. Why isn't the Government encouraging real sustainable alternate energy sources, rather than funding further destruction of our atmosphere and our planet.

For Sydney Gas to say that burning another fossil fuel is "clean and green" is totally deceptive. It is simply not right.

In addition, and for some strange reason, Sydney Gas has now decided to call Methane gas "natural gas"! Wonder why? Another spin to try and convince us that it must be "clean and green" if it is "natural".

And in the exploration and extraction process, when Methane gas leaks into the atmosphere, it is more than 20 times more toxic to the atmosphere than CO<sub>2</sub>.

And this Methane gas, and this CO<sub>2</sub>, will shortly be belching from test wells 200 meters from the village of Broke, if Sydney Gas has its way. And all this without a full

Environmental Assessment; without the Government and the community having some scrutiny of the activities of Sydney Gas, and input into the exploration process.

In addition, the Sydney Gas exploration process involves the use of, and contamination of, millions of litres of fresh water; the use of electricity; the use of diesel, oil and other petroleum products in drill rigs, trucks and other heavy equipment, and their affect on the atmosphere; and results in noise, dust, light, CO2 emissions, methane emissions and associated dangers and risks, and other contaminants.

This all needs to be examined in a full Environmental Assessment, including the cumulative impact of this industrial scene coupled with coal mining activity and Army activity. But Sydney Gas is resisting an Environmental Assessment of their current activities.

**And Sydney Gas wonders why the community has no trust in them. Well, they can't get their facts right, and the spin attempts are laughable. There are a couple of reasons for you.**

**Oh, and a reminder just in case you are becoming comfortable with the Sydney Gas spin:**

Coal Seam Methane Gas mining is fraught with danger, with proven risks of:

- × contamination of ground water affecting rivers, streams, brooks, waterways, wells and bores;
- × depletion of ground water;
- × contamination and destruction of vegetation from the saline and toxic water taken from the seams;
- × sterilisation of soil and death of vegetation from migrating and leaking gas.
- × escape of gas increasing global warming;
- × escape of gas risking explosion and suffocation;
- × migration of gas, risking sterilisation of soil and vegetation;
- × migration of gas, risking explosion;
- × increasing global warming by flaring and burning the gas;
- × large and noisy compressor installations;
- × explosion and leakage of methane into the atmosphere from leaks in pressurised gas pipes;
- × loss of amenity and lifestyle;
- × loss of house and land values;
- × loss of business;

**IF SYDNEY GAS KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR, SAY “NO” – Tell them why they can't be trusted. If they can't get the information on their website right, what chance of getting the drilling through the aquifers right?**

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

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