

GAS WATCH 58.

Sydney Gas/AGL prepares to release over half a BILLION TONNES of CO₂ into the atmosphere.

Sydney Gas claims to have discovered 10,000 petajoules of extractable METHANE gas under the lush fields and vineyards of the Hunter Valley.

This claim made for good reading at the time of the Sydney Gas Annual General Meeting, but is obviously premature because they are still exploring, and neither the community nor Sydney Gas really knows whether this claim is correct or not.

However, if it eventually turns out to be right, what Sydney Gas/AGL did not tell the community, is that when this METHANE gas is extracted and burnt it will, on our calculations, release into our already fragile atmosphere, nearly 528 million tonnes of CO₂.

More than HALF A BILLION TONNES OF CO₂ to be belched into our environment.

This is a huge, suffocating amount of toxic gas.

Add to this enormous amount of green house gas all the CO₂ produced in the exploration and extraction process from tens of thousands of truck movements, pumps, generators, drilling rigs and the like, and it becomes one filthy industry. Just as bad for the atmosphere than coal, but without the ongoing scrutiny.

There is no Government regulation of the coal seam METHANE gas industry, and it sure doesn't look like regulating itself. The Government concedes that the current Act, which allows for coal seam METHANE gas extraction, is inadequate.

Whilst the coal industry is under intense scrutiny, the coal seam METHANE gas industry is sneaking under the radar and becoming, by stealth, an environmentally damaging industry.

The community calls on the Federal Government to intervene and save our environment.

Please, write to Senator The Hon Penny Wong, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600. She is the Minister for Climate Change and Water. And tell her what the METHANE gas industry is doing to the environment, unregulated. Ask her to stop it until proper safeguards are in place to protect the environment.

THE REAL DANGERS ARE TO OUR GROUND WATER, TO OUR ENVIRONMENT, TO OUR PHYSICAL SAFETY, TO OUR PROPERTY VALUES AND TO OUR LIFESTYLE.

SYDNEY GAS IS ACTIVELY SEEKING FURTHER SITES TO INVADE OUR COMMUNITY, TO RUIN AUSTRALIA'S ENVIRONMENT, AND THREATEN OUR WATER.

SAY "NO" WHEN THEY KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR.

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

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