

GAS WATCH 65.

Who is out of step here?

Department of Environment and Climate Change:

“As groundwater is extracted (from coal seams) it also depletes natural groundwater reserves and aquifers which can have consequences for other regional land uses which may experience a loss of net usable water. This is particularly relevant for farmers who rely on bore water. One solution can be to reinject recovered water back into aquifers. This can however contaminate these groundwater aquifers”

Senator the Hon Penny Wong, federal Minister for Climate Change and Water:

“Because pumping (from aquifers) can lead to water moving between different levels of an aquifer, it can cause deteriorating groundwater quality either through changing salinity or chemical composition.”

CM Atkinson, independent expert (in Yarramalong Valley report):

“The development of a significant gas field based on Coal Bed Methane will severely impact on the security of supply of this (underground) water, by radically altering the groundwater levels and purity.”

“Both local and overseas experience shows that fundamental changes in underground pressures can result in serious escapes of methane gas into the environment.”

Tim Jones, Hydrogeologist (in Yarramalong Valley report):

“Dewatering coal seams will allow for groundwater migration towards coal seam voids. This has a significant potential to effectively dewater sections of the study area. Dewatering of the coal seams will adversely affect the groundwater system and will have a flow on effect of reduced or lost stream flow.”

OR

Sydney Gas:

“You have nothing to worry about. You are stupid and ignorant”.

Why won't the Government REQUIRE a full ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT of the activities of Sydney Gas.

WHY WON'T SYDNEY GAS AGREE TO A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE? WHAT ARE THEY HIDING? WHAT ARE THEY WORRIED ABOUT?

Answer: They know that our underground water is at risk. They are worried about explosion so close to the village and the school. They are worried about their share price.

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