

GAS WATCH 70.

Letter to Cockfighter from local resident.

Ed Larkin from Broke wrote to the last Cockfighter airing his concerns about a number of things which are worrying him, one of which was the “gas action group”.

He opened his concern by stating that “I would bet not one of you have jumped in the car and driven to Camden to inspect your so called eyesore” etc., etc.

On 7th February, 2008, Sydney Gas invited the community to inspect its Camden coal seam methane gas processing plant.

A number of community members attended the inspection and it was their unanimous view that we must continue our resistance to having such a plant built right next to our village. AGL Energy has refused to tie up the land they own next to the village so that a processing plant can't be built. They are keeping their options open.

Some photos of what we could end up with right on our door step are attached.

Ed says further “you would be hard pressed to find a well, flare, any disturbed ground or parched earth.” Unfortunately, the opposite is in fact the case.

Also attached at the end of this note is a photo of the Springs property in the Wyong Shire during the Sydney Gas exploration, before they abandoned it, showing the “disturbed ground” and “parched earth”; also attached is a photo of the flaring of the methane.

On top of all that, Sydney Gas have announced that if they discover commercial quantities of methane gas is under us, then once they have put in their plants, wells, flares, pipes, etc., then there will be only 1 or 2 jobs available to the community, and they will be for nightwatchmen.

It has been proven, throughout the world, that coal seam methane gas exploration and extraction 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;

And, unfortunately, that's how it is. Is that what we want right here?
All downside and no upside?



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The Sydney Gas plant at Camden.



Production well heads.



Surface to in seam drilling, Camden, 24 hours per day with arc lights for night time operation.

Springs Wyong property:



Flaring methane.