

GAS WATCH 72.

AGL Energy.

Fails to deny intention to build a gas processing plant on its Hunter Valley properties.

You will regularly see **AGL Energy** espousing greener energy, hydro, wind, solar; but here's their real underbelly – another fossil fuel – coal seam methane gas release, with all its proven dangers, and all within 200 metres of the Broke village.

On ABC Radio Newcastle this morning, the **AGL Energy** General Manager Upstream Gas, Mike Moraza, failed to deny that **AGL Energy** proposed to construct an industrial complex on one of its increasing number of holdings in this closely settled, tranquil and rural area of the Hunter Valley.

AGL Energy, has failed to allay the fears of the residents of Broke and Bulga regarding the building of a gas processing plant on any of the four properties it now owns in Broke and Bulga.

Earlier **AGL Energy**, when approached by the community, refused to place an irrevocable covenant on the title of any of those parcels of land prohibiting the construction of an industrial gas processing plant. Keeping its options open.

This is the **AGL Energy** gas plant at Camden, a blight on the landscape:



AGL Energy also said in the same statement on ABC Newcastle this morning that if there are commercial quantities of gas under this area they will seek to extract it.

This is what the land looks like where gas extraction is taking place in other areas:



Waste pit for toxic drilling fluids...note the overspray as well.



The pit – fracking coal seams to release methane.

Waste water ponds, pads and roads Wyoming

Either way, be it an industrial gas plant or drilling for gas, this tranquil side of the Hunter Valley, this fine winegrowing area, this perfect olive growing district, this burgeoning tourism centre, will be scarred forever by the drive by AGL Energy to increase its bottom line.

We owe it to the environment, and to our children, to save the Broke/Bulga area of the Hunter Valley and to oppose this destruction in every way we can.

Save our groundwater; Save our kids.



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