

GAS WATCH 89

AGL Energy – Access to your property

AGL Energy has a Petroleum Exploration Lease over land surrounding Broke and Bulga (except the coal mining leases), including over the Broke and Bulga villages.

AGL will knock on your door, tell you they have the lease and that they want onto your land.

During their exploration phase, AGL cannot come onto your land without your written consent in the form of an Access Agreement.

Do not let AGL employees bully you into any consent. Once you consent they can drill right up to your doorstep. You will be giving away your rights. You will be giving away the value of your property. Who's going to buy it with gas wells every few hundred meters? – **Jurd's Real Estate** says: ***"if the proposed mining is located in close proximity to residential or rural residential areas then the effect on property prices could be devastating. If the impact was severe it could result in property in that vicinity becoming unsaleable."*** Your home will no longer be your castle. Your neighbours will be affected the same way.

AGL's representative, Siobhan Barry, says only one property owner has signed an access agreement.

This is excellent. It shows that Broke has had enough. It shows that we don't want Broke Valley turned into a gas field.

AGL has 21,000 square kilometres of Petroleum Lease area. The Broke and Bulga area is only 7.2 square kilometers of this vast area and less than 2.5 square kilometres is available to AGL because of the buffers required by law and the topography.

So all we are asking is that they forget this 0.01% of their exploration area and go and explore where there are no people; where there are no towns; where there are no impacts from coal mining, power stations, Defence Forces or hot rock drilling. They have plenty of area like that.

John Darr has now resigned from AGL but they are looking for somebody to take his place.

If a new employee, or current AGL employees such as **Letitia TOLSON**, **David KELLY** or **Siobhan BARRY**, come knocking on your door offering you a new road, or a new fence, or a couple of thousand dollars to turn your hard earned property into a cash cow for AGL, but valueless to you, tell them to go away.

The Hunter Valley Protection Alliance will provide FREE LEGAL ADVICE for you if you have any concerns about the approach of AGL.

Keep AGL off your land!



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