

# GAS WATCH 94

## AGL ENERGY dumps contaminated water – then calls the Police because we found out.

AGL Energy have admitted to dumping 120,000 of saline water onto pasture land. Why they did it we'll never know. They had already sent 280,000 of the same water away to a water treatment facility, but just decided, it seems, to dump the rest onto good pasture land. Were they trying to save money? Who knows? And there's no point in asking AGL.

And, by the way, we say it was a lot more than 120,000 litres.

The pasture was killed.

The Department of Industry & Investment conducted a cursory enquiry; refused to interview those who witnessed this act of environmental vandalism; accepted AGL's word that it wasn't too bad; ordered AGL to rehabilitate the contaminated area; and everyone thought that was that.

Well, not quite.

Firstly AGL is so cross that their inexcusable behaviour was discovered that they believe somebody must have trespassed onto their property. So AGL has written to the Community saying that they have *"referred this incident to the NSW Police for their investigation."* That should do wonders for their community consultation, if there ever was any. *"We'll get the Police onto the community, that'll sort them out; show them who's boss"* they must have thought.

Secondly, our Alliance has referred the Department's inadequate enquiry to the Auditor-General and the NSW Ombudsman for investigation. The likes of AGL should not get away with this. That's how it starts.



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