

GAS WATCH 96

Federal Government betrays Queensland. “It has consumed us” - the people of the Surat Basin.

Whilst we, here in the Hunter Valley, have been patting ourselves on the back with the success of our rally against Coal Seam Methane Gas exploration and extraction, the Federal Government has given the Coal Seam Methane Gas projects in Queensland the go ahead. Takes the wind out of your sails. Shows you that Governments will do as they like at the whim of the fossil fuel industry without thought for the people, the future or the environment.

An email received from the Surat Basin today was read with great sadness, and even greater worry: *“Well done yesterday, I hope it pushes them away from you, would be nice to have a non-industrialised rural environment to visit. If you can succeed it will be due to you standing united, **NOW**, later all will be lost. The gas field is coming to you and it will not take long, it has consumed us, we will kick and struggle and become criminals defending our beliefs, but we are defeated by the Governments that should be protecting our clean air and water. Once the millions developing the industry turn to billions you will not stop it. **NOW** is your chance, we missed ours.”*

We can't let the Hunter Valley go the way of Queensland. WE MUST STAND UP AND FIGHT NOW before our farms, our water supply, our lifestyle, our agriculture, our food supply, our health, is overtaken by Corporate greed, and Government ignorance and inaction.

STAY ANGRY!

WHAT HAVE THE GOVERNMENTS GOT TO LOSE BY HAVING A MORATORIUM ON COAL SEAM METHANE GAS EXPLORATION AND INITIATING A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO THE EFFECTS OF COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION.

The Governments are claiming that Queensland and NSW have enough gas to power a city of 1 million people for 5,000 years. This sounds great, but the majority of the gas will go to India and China, where there are about 2.5 billion people – so it appears we have enough gas to supply India and China for 2 years!!!! That's going to make a big difference. Destroy our country forever and provide for India and China for 2 years. What are our Governments thinking? Well, they're not.

We don't want to be writing emails to anybody in the future saying that we have been “consumed” by the coal seam methane gas industry.

We must stand united and simply not allow it to ruin us. We, the people, own this country, not the Governments. If the Governments won't do what the people want, then we must change them until we find one which will.



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