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To: Date:

2/7/2013 10:40 am

Subject:

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2/2/2013 1:45 pm

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Content:

I strongly object to this project. Coal seam gas kills the environment, poisons people and i do not want to be a guinea pig for the sake of the government and AGL making money. We all know the ill effects of coal seam gas extraction and if you are willing to kill people and the environment for the sake of money then thats disgusting! I bought my house here and avoided another area that was subjected to coal seam gas and cant believe there is talks of it taking place here in kearns! Thanks to you my house will be worth nothing!

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Submission: Online Submission from carlene allen (object)

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Submission for Job: #2921 Camden Gas Project Stage 3 Northern Expansion

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2/7/2013 5:04 pm

Subject:

NO COAL SEAM GAS IN KEARNS

Dear Director Of Mining and Industry Projects NSW,RE: SUBMISSION OPPOSING AGL COAL SEAM GAS (AGL-CSG) CAMDEN GAS PROJECT-NORTHERN EXPANSION (STAGE 3)PROJECT APPLICATION NUMBER. 09 0048,

I moved to Kearns 1 year ago due to the affordability of housing for a single Registered Nurse. I couldnt afford to buy a property close to where i work. The area i purchased my property is Kearns, a beautiful, pretty suburb with amenities close by and lovely people who are very proud of their lovely well kept homes. This place has everything i need, schools, shopping centres, employment, sporting facilities and much more. Im absolutely outraged that my suburb and property will be negatively affected by coal seam gas. I avoided purchasing in another area due to the existing mine subsidence and the damage caused to the home by coal seam gas and FRACING caused by the mine subsidence! Im shocked to think that Governments are happy to expose us residents to poisoned water, poisoned air, de valued homes and kill off the surrounding environment. We all know that this CSG is a terrible thing, you only have to learn from Queensland, and America!!! If i had of known i was going to have to face the CSG in my area i would have just moved back to my homeland, got a nursing job there and bought a house there. If this goes ahead i will be forced to rent my house (which most likely will be difficult) and move away. My health is just as important as yours. I will not be purchasing any products from AGL and hope everybody else does the same. The chemicals i will be faced with are highly volatile and produce TOXIC gaseous. AGL knows this and prefer to put money before my health which is absolutely WRONG!!!If this takes place i will be taking action against all involved. This will be another ERIN BROCKOVICH CASE!!! People live here and you cannot allow this to happen here....for christ sake, this is a residential area. You wouldn't allow this to happen in your area! Please do not allow this to take place. Thanks Carlene Allen Kearns, NSW

Karen Allen kaz.fraser@hotmail.com <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>

To: Date:

1/16/2013 9:19 pm

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Yours sincerely, karen Allen

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Yours sincerely, Diane Almond

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Subject:

Re:Project Application No.09 0048

Dear Director of Mining and Industry Projects NSW

Reference:

Submission Opposing AGL Coal Seam Gas (AGL-CSG)

Camden Gas Project- Northern Expansion (Stage 3)

Project Application No.09_0048

We have lived in Australia for 10 years now. One of the very first things we learned about this country is that the powers that be like the people to think that they are a part of the decision making process but in actual fact, any executive decision has been made long before the public is made aware of it. So it is with trepidation that we will have our say even though we know it is to no avail

We have recently become aware of the proposed expansion of AGL Coal Seam Gas drilling, mining and fracing under our established, populated areas.

We would like to say to Barry O'Farrell on his pre-election promise

"The next Liberal/National government will ensure mining cannot occur...in any water catchment area..... No ifs, buts, a guarantee"

SHAME ON YOU BARRY. HOW CAN YOU LET YOUR PEOPLE DOWN SO EASILY?

There has been much debate on fracing. We have done some research and whilst we know we want to create jobs and opportunities, is it worth it when we do not know enough about the potential health and environmental impacts?

Water is a very precious commodity. Fracing involves using millions of litres of water (can we afford this in our drought affected land?) and thousands of litres highly toxic chemicals. Worldwide there have been many documented cases of water and air contamination in and around these gas sites resulting in chronic respiratory problems, unexplained rashes, neurotoxic damage to name a few.

In a documentary "Shattered Ground" Leif Kaldor the filmmaker says "If we are taking decisions that will affect our future, then we should look for answers first"

Let us not rush into this. Make sensible decisions because it is not possible to turn back the clock.

We must ask ourselves: Is fracing the path to environmental ruin? Are we destroying our life support system?

We totally oppose the entire AGL-CSG Camden Expansion Proposal and expect that all consenting

authorities do likewise.

Yours faithfully

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James Anderson

Scott Anderson

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"Sample Submission no. 1 – ALL SUBURBS"

OUR OPPOSITION TO AGL Coal Seam Gas Expansion

Prepared by Narellan Action Group Page 1 of 2

INSTRUCTIONS - Use this only as a guide - rewrite in your own words - edit - add your own ideas - mix and match - cut and paste - "quote" media reports - READ DAILY & LOCAL NEWSPAPERS - express your feelings - a little controlled anger is fine – get your kids researching AGL and COAL SEAM GAS FRACING CHEMICALS websites and writing submissions as well !! You can turn the tone of this sample submission up or down to suit your message.

BE EARLY - OUR DEADLINE IS - FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2013

---START OF SAMPLE SUBMISSION ----

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THE DIRECTOR, MINING AND INDUSTRY PROJECTS

NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, GPO BOX 39, SYDNEY, NSW, 2001

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My family moved to......(SUBURB NAME) in 2005 for the great location, employment opportunities and a great lifestyle for our 3 children. With a selection of new and established schools, Campbelltown TAFE, the University of Western Sydney, Industrial Estates, Employment Zones, Town Centres and Sporting Facilities close by it seemed a perfect place to settle down for the long-term and raise a family.

Unfortunately, my youngest son has developed asthma since we moved here. We did not realise that the air quality is deceptively poor – in fact, the worst polluted atmospheric Airshed in Greater Sydney. If we can't breathe here, we can't live here. Air Quality is the critical health issue for all of us out here.

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If we had known about the AGL-CSG expansion we would have avoided the area and a \$450,000 life-time

mortgage in a suburb destined for degrading and devaluing. It doesn't make any sense at all!

'Fracing' is actually "FRACTURING" – breaking and cracking the sub-surface under us. AGL falsely compares its 'fracing' chemistry is to 'harmless' products on a laundry shelf, when in fact the real chemicals in vast quantities are highly volatile producing toxic gaseous and particulate emissions to earth, water and air. AGL Consultants have been grossly dishonest and deceitful in their minimal description of 'tracing' processes.

Despite misleading media reports AGL-CSG will definitely 'frac" under us. AGL's intentions are very clear in both their 2010 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT at Chapter 4.2 and in the 2012 MAIN REPORT at Chapter 3.4.

We are not against mining at all. However, introducing toxic and dangerous AGL Coal Seam Gas mining under our existing permissible land use zones of established and populated communities is totally inappropriate in every respect, and absolutely beyond our belief.

AGL conceals its toxic 'fracing' chemistry behind claims of 'commercial confidentiality'. We do know that AGL use concentrated acids and biocides among a huge list of chemical cocktails triggering volatile chemical reactions in coal and sandstone seams underneath our homes and schools. The fact that AGL will not disclose its 'fracing toxicology' is absolutely absurd – a nightmare with disastrous health and environmental consequences.

Mining is the most accident riddled industry in Australia. Mixing mining and untested chemistry under our homes as we sleep is a disastrous formula for major critical incidents. We don't need the threat of disaster, totally 'fracing' our dreams into nightmares, for over 20 years of sleeps, after busy days at school and work.

Do you and Minister Hazzard fully comprehend the potential implications of cumulative long-term toxic emissions to our earth, our water and breathing atmosphere? Have your planning experts fully analysed AGL's documents to find the serious omissions and false 'conceptual modelling' promoted as acceptable science ?

We understand that AGL-CSG drilling, mining and 'fracing' under our populated and established communities is totally new to urban Australia. Is South Western Sydney AGL's and the O'Farrell Government's test case to expand toxic mining under metropolitan Sydney?

If you proceed with AGL's proposal you will be opening the pathway for a massive class action against all the decision makers, back door dealers and promoters of this toxic and hazardous industry.

We are not your "westie lab rats". We are not your experiment in 'social injustice' and socio-economic and environmental degradation? Don't do it in anyones' backyard. We know you'll never allow it in yours!

The major reasons why my family opposes the entire AGL Coal Seam Gas Expansion include – Threats to Air Quality and health

- Well documented historic poor air quality across the 'project area' and Greater South Western Sydney
- Serious health risks including dramatic increases in respiratory diseases and asthma
- South Western Sydney already has the highest incidence of hospital admissions for asthma
- Dangerously incomplete physical and chemical analysis of Coal Seam Gas 'fracing' processes
- Potential for long term undetected gaseous leaks forming toxic fugitive plumes in our breathing space Risks of uncontrollable toxic particulate emissions to earth, air and water threatening our communities
- Will the ICAC belatedly examine the post political mining careers of suspect politicians as we choke in AGL's neuro-toxins and overcrowd the very limited health resources in Sydney's South West?

Threats to Our Natural Environment - Geology and Hydrology

- Long term geological damage to drinking water, water aquifers, water tables, creek beds and rivers
- Contamination of South Creek and Narellan Creek feeding the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment
- Structural damage to the Sydney Water Supply Channel undermined by at least 6 parallel drilling locations in our area at CU02, CU06, CU10, CU14, CU20 and CU22 – each with 6 wells
- Structural damage to built environments and dangerous land slip in a predominantly clay sub soil
- Expansion and shrinkage of clay and shale sub-structures causing fracturing to gas pipes
- Irreversible damage to native flora and fauna, soil, and vegetation
- Risks in waste management of by-products including neuro-toxin particulates in earth, water and air

Contradictory and Incompatible Land Use Layering

Allowing legally established and developed residential, commercial, educational and recreational zonings
 – all funded by our rates and statutory government taxes - to be undermined, compromised and
 degraded by a toxic and dangerous mining industry

Unpredictable Noise Disturbance - AGL-CSG ConSultants noise studies are totally incompetent

- Inadequate credible studies into 24 hour drilling, mining and 'fracing' noise levels impacting on our health.
- Failure to acknowledge long term reflected and radiated sub-surface noise levels on sleeping disturbance patterns, neurological concerns given that the human perception of noise is six times greater at night time

Deeply Flawed Community Consultation - Lacking Honesty, Openness and Transparency

- AGL provided only 2 copies of the Environmental Assessment one at Camden Council foyer and one at Campbelltown – and withdrew the original Environmental Assessment October of 2010 so that the community could not compare the original proposal with the amended Main Report October of 2012
- Positioning the exhibition period leading into Christmas when families and work force are busy in preparation for the holiday season.
- Failure by AGL to accept that many people do not have access to the internet, and those who have
 internet access would have great difficulty reading a 3000 page document on a computer screen
- Failure by AGL to provide complimentary CDs of their proposal to residents upon request a practice of previous proponents of major projects
- Poorly advertised, and consequently poorly attended, information sessions at which AGL specialist consultants could not answer questions – but would make notes
- A poorly designed AGL-CSG website a potluck table of contents, using out-of-date maps which do not
 clearly show the level of urban development, no index and illogical page numbering
- Using only small section and out of date maps so that it is impossible to view the enormity of the whole
 project when previous proponents have provided fold out A3 size maps
- Failure by AGL to show the 2,500 metre radiius of each drilling footprint under homes, schools and creeks
- Using an unidentifiable AGL-CSG public relations spokeswoman, unqualified in mine engineering, as the front person quoted in daily papers while keeping faceless "experts" in the next room
- The <u>AGL-CSG COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)</u> does not adequately represent the broader community and that it does not keep accurate minutes and report back to the broader community

Political Posturing and Decision Making Processes

- Concerns that you, your government departments, including Environment and Health, have not carried
 out complete, professional, expert and independent analysis of the AGL-CSG proposal
- Concerns that the Premier in the media has already indicated his approval for the AGL-CSG proposal preempting the decision making process by the PLANNING ASSESSMENT COMMISSION (PAC) - a 'selected' panel of "experts" to undertake a "merit review" of the project
- It doesn't help when Premier O'Farrell insults us (SMH 7.7.13 page 7 Editorial) by trivialising drilling lines as being the size of a "teacup" when in fact AGL state in 2012 MAIN REPORT at Chapter 4.3 that drilling varies from 178mm to 2000mm in diameter in the 'fracing' reaming process and the lines are up to 2,500 metres long. There does not seem to be even a token separation between AGL and some politicians.
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 serious risk to our local life, health and future. Camden Council, the State Government's statutory
 authorities, Ministers, Cabinet, Premier and PLANNING ASSESSMENT COMMISSION panel are the ultimate
 consenting authority, with a "duty of care" to all residents of South Western Sydney. It is your collective
 responsibility to protect our health, living, learning, working and recreational environments.
- Politicians, AGL and PAC Members do not have an anti-social licence to degrade our family lifestyle, our home, our backyard, our pools, our chook shed, our pigeon loft, our greyhound run, our veggie patch, our soil, our water, our air and the vital future of our communities.

We totally oppose the entire AGL-CSG Camden Expansion Proposal and expect that all consenting authorities do likewise. Could you please reply promptly, confirming that you have received my (family) submission.

Yours Faithfully Signature(s)	Poplacla	Angelou		
Full Name(s)	Ralhaela	Angelou		
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OUR DEADLINE IS - FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2013 "write early, write often"

Copy and pass on

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1/17/2013 4:33 pm

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2/8/2013 4:03 pm

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On behalf of the owner of Lot 4 Raby Road Gledswood Hills we submit additional information to our original submission dated 17 December 2012.

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Date:

2/7/2013 2:46 pm

Subject: Attachments: ClemtonPark Letter re modifications ClemtonPark Letter re modifications.pdf

To whom it may concern,

Please see attached PDF document regarding the recent modification requests to Clemton Park Village MP 07_0106 MOD4

Kind Regards,

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Application Name: Clemton Park Village (Former Sunbeam Factory)

Application Number: MP 07_0106 MOD4

To the Department of Planning and Infrastructure / City of Canterbury Council

I am placing this submission, to advise I object to the proposed modifications of the abovementioned project.:

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Yours Sincerely

Anthony Armstrong

0408 622 188

To:
Mining and Industry Projects
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

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From: Karen and Mick <bluestone2@bigpond.com>

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Date: 2/8/2013 4:11 pm

Subject: Submission opposing AGL coal seam gas (AGL-CSG) Camden Gas Project -

Northern Expansion (stage 3)

Dear Director of Mining and Industry Projects NSW,

We have lived in Camden for nearly 8 years now, we bought our block of land over 10 years ago. We built our home here, brought our two babies home from hospital and have been raising them here.

They have settled into school, made great friends, we work locally and we didn't have any plans on moving anytime soon until we heard of AGL's plans to mine for coal seam gas beneath us. Even the thought of mining occurring in areas near us and exposing us all to the possible toxic chemicals which may be released in the process is frightening.

We are concerned about the lack of respect, concern and knowledge AGL has and we are also concerned about our children's health, our water supply, our property value and the misleading media reports.

The full potential of implications of CSG mining are unknown and I consider this to be completely negligent and am offended and furious that we are being used as guinea pigs.

Is there not enough major class actions and liability claims in the history books to warn the government and AGL that these sort of practices will not only, not be tolerated but will have massive costs both financially and to our lives and the health of the next generation? How appalling. It honestly is a disgrace.

Let it be known that we totally oppose the entire AGL-CSG Camden Expansion Proposal and expect that all consenting authorities do likewise. Could you please reply promptly, confirming that you have received my family submission.

Karen and Mick Ashcroft 25 Tobin Avenue, Camden Park

"Asfoura, Louise" <LOUISE.ASFOURA@det.nsw.edu.au>

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Date:

2/5/2013 4:03 pm

Subject:

Re: Project 09 0048 Camden Gas

SUBMISSION OPPOSING AGL COAL SEAM DAS CAMDEN GAS PROJECT - NORTHERN EXPANSION (STAGE 3) PROJECT APPLICATION NO. 09 0048

Dear Director of Mining and Industry Projects NSW

I would like to write to you about my opposition to any further expansion of AGL's gas project.

I have lived in the older section of Narellan, close to Camden Valley Way and Narellan Road for 30 years. My family and I have experienced poor transport and road infrastructure, long travel to the city or other areas for work and education, poor air quality, poorer water quality in the early years, no connected sewage, lack of local employment, lack of nearby shopping and banking facilities in the early years.

Since the opening up of further land packages for development, i.e. Camden Views, Mt. Annan, Currans Hill, Harrington Park, Smeaton Grange, Oran Park, Gregory Hills facilities have improved for road infrastructure (they needed to due to huge population increases) as well as retail (Narellan Town Centre, Mt. Annan Shopping Centre) but of course, there has been a big increase in building of houses, roads, and landscaping. Needless, to say bus and rail transport is not at all adequate if your government is keen to reduce the amount of cars on the roads which require contant upgrades and pollute the air. These suburbs are ruled by the CAR. The roads are glinting in the hot sun with them.

Camden/Narellan is/ was beautiful land (Cumberland Plain) and the Nepean River. I have seen the degradation of the river quality and flow (I no longer swim in it as I used to) and the air quality is terrible particularly in dry times in early spring/ bushfires affect more in summer/ smog/fog in winter coming back from the St. Georges Basin. Nights in winter are terrible for asthmatics due to smog and there are heavy pollen counts and dust particles in the air much of the year.

As far as the Gas Project I know only what I've read in newspapers and seen in documentaries. I am very alarmed at what is presented. I understand consumers drive development but further expansion is further degrading this area of SW Sydney that will be home to huge numbers of people, particularly young families with children.

I am a psychologist in SW Sydney and am very concerned about the effects of environmental factors on children's health and cognitive development.

SW Sydney particularly Campbelltown has high incidences of unemployment, crime, low socio-economic, cancer and obesity. I think it is unforgiveable and criminal for governments to be embarking on chemical methods to extract coal seam gas from under high density populations that are already compromised. Secondly, the need for a huge megacity like Sydney to have clean, available drinking water is crucial.

The area was known as the Drylands by the local Aboriginals as it is in a rain shadow. There can be extended periods of dry followed by heavy rain. The quality and quantity of water is crucial to Sydney. Fracking is disturbing the rock layers and using chemicals to extract coal gas which is flammable and dangerous. The water table cannot be ensured to be free from contamination, cracks in rocks, draining of vital water to be lost forever for now and the future.

Unfortunately, the way of the modern western world is to MAKE MONEY AT ALL COSTS which indeed will make big profits for a small amount of people at the apex of the pyramid. It can be seen around the developing societies of India and China poor people live side by side with mining, petroleum and other chemical installations. However, all people eventually and that includes the coming generations will not benefit overall by depleting the earth, ruining water, polluting the air, creating noise and havoc which impacts back again on people's physical, emotional and social health and well-being.

Ruining people's health as mentioned in the last paragraph then rebounds on society with increases in crime, mental health, violence and substance abuse, war and chaos. Wars are driven not by anger but by money and standing up for one's own backyard or wanting what is wanted under someone else's backyard (oil, resources, land,) or wanting to destroy some one's way of life because it is against one's own way of life.

Of course, I'm getting off track and I will finish shortly. There is A BIG PICTURE and a responsible government of the people needs to think about 1. Votes 2. Developed society 3. Quality of Life 4. OUR COMBINED FUTURES and most importantly, HAPPINESS. Come and work in my industry and you will see that happiness is the elusive quality and fear, anger and despair drive and cause the negative in peoples' lives.

I oppose the entire AGL-CSG Industry at the present time with current scientific knowhow and particularly the Camden Expansion Program.

Please let me know by email confirmation you have received my submission of behalf of my husband Victor and I.

Yours faithfully,

Louise Asfoura Reg. Psy. PSY0001026648/ School Counsellor 9 Hume Street NARELLAN NSW 2567

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Paul Ashley <paulrashley@gmail.com> <plan comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>

To: Date:

1/16/2013 10:00 am

Subject:

Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

MY ADDRESS: 14 Conrad Way Spring Farm

Re: Camden Gas Project Stage 3, Project Application 09_0048

Please accept this as a submission on the Camden Gas Project Stage 3 Northern Expansion which is currently on public exhibition. I object to AGL's project application 09_0048 to drill for coal seam gas in Western Sydney.

Please put the health and wellbeing of the people of Greater Western Sydney above the profits of AGL who plan to expand their gas field around and under people's homes and businesses.

I urge you to reject the proposal by AGL to drill 66 new coal seam gas production wells on the grounds that:

- Reports from Queensland and overseas show that there are serious risks to air quality and human health from unconventional gas drilling. However there have been no detailed studies done to quantify those risks especially in urban areas. The people of Camden and Campbelltown should not be treated like guinea pigs in a coal seam gas experiment.
- People's homes should not be undermined by coal seam gas drilling without their knowledge or permission.
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- New research from Southern Cross University on methane gas leaks from coal seam gas fields has not been considered in the proposal. AGL has not conducted these studies to account for methane leakage on their existing coal seam gas wells.
- Despite research from the Queensland and the US suggesting ground water contamination and gas leaks from fracking, the proposal by AGL will allow fracking.
- The impacts of horizontal drilling have not been adequately considered in the Environmental Assessment.
- There are alternatives to coal seam gas, including renewable energy which can offer energy security without the unacceptable environmental and health risks posed by coal seam gas extraction.

Yours sincerely, Paul Ashley

Barrie & Cheryl Atkins <barriecheryl@gmail.com>

To:

<plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>

Date:

2/5/2013 10:22 pm

Subject:

PROJECT APPLICATION No 09_0048

ATTENTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF MINING & INDUSTRY PROJECTS NSW

REFERENCE; Submission opposing AGL Coal Seam Gas / Camden Gas Project - " NORTHERN EXPANSION " Stage 3

Dear Sir/Madam,

I and my family are DEEPLY troubled and concerned at the prospect of coal seam gas mining nearby to us in our suburb of Glen Alpine (Campbelltown).

We have lived in CAMPBELLTOWN FOR THE PAST 41 YEARS wishing to move here to avoid the pollution in the suburbs of Sydney in general.

We never thought for a moment that we would face the potential health risk that this mining will produce. We have enough general pollution in the basin of Macarthur without being added to by this reckless project.

The thought of the fracking process and resultant release into the water table and the atmosphere of numerous carcinogens is TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

I do not care what AGL say as their vested interests will and does cover up the real truth.

This process must stop and stop immediately.

I was very troubled with the implementation of the carbon tax which is a wasted hit on the wallet. HOWEVER this coal seam gas mining is FAR WORSE than the carbon tax as the Northern Expansion project is a hit ON OUR HEALTH AND MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED.

I TOTALLY OPPOSE THE ENTIRE AGL-CSG CAMDEN EXPANSION PROJECT AND REQUEST THAT THIS PROJECT BE NOT ALLOWED TO PROCEED !!!!!!!!

I respectfully request this objection be received for consideration and response in the positive.

I await your response please.

Faithfully,

Barrie & Cheryl Atkins Glen Alpine

0417 654 810

Keith Atkins <keef82@gmail.com>

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Date:

1/16/2013 7:51 pm

Subject:

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Date:

2/8/2013 9:06 am

Subject:

Proposed Camdenn/Campbelltown CSG Mining

I would like to state my profound objection to the proposed CSG mining in the Camden/Campbelltown area.

Mining and human populations do not need to be mixed. There is plenty of sparsely populated, non agriculturally productive land that can be used for this purpose without polluting urban and outer-urban areas.

The disastrous effects of CSG mining have been demonstrated worldwide. Surely we aren't going to make the same mistakes, especially in such a crucial water and food production zone for greater Sydney.

I don't live in this are but I do holiday there regularly. If the mining goes ahead I will not be risking illness by exposing myself and my partner to the dangerous water and environment that will result from CSG mining. The negative effects on tourism will be great.

Respectfully,

Frank Augustyn.

Matthew Austin <matthewaustin233@gmail.com>

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Date:

1/29/2013 11:56 pm

Subject:

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This is not to the benifet of the area in question.

Yours sincerely, Matthew Austin, Academic UTS.