

- 1 Wells can never be guaranteed that they will not leak at some time. The fact that holes are being drilled thru different layers of the earth means that nature is being interfered with and harm to the environment has to result from that.
- 2 Once harm has happened to the GAB it can never be fixed so no amount of money put into reserve can cover such an event. The Government and the company enter into this project with the knowledge that this can happen.
- 3 The salts and the by products of this industry are highly toxic and at this stage no plans for disposal are at hand. To move these toxic products to a landfill site else where is putting both the public and the environment at risk of harm. There will never be a guarantee that when placed in a landfill site that they will not leach out into the environment and destroy other regions and water.
- 4 The dangers of flaring from both fire and the heavy metal fall out have not been dealt with in the EIS. Having lived alongside of the Pilliga all of my life I have seen first hand the catastrophic damage that can be done and I feel sure that the RFS volunteers will not venture into any situation where gas is involved.
- 5 The jobs created will be offset by the long term job loss due to the contamination of the surrounding farm lands and water.
- 6 The EIS submission states that water drawdown will be 'assumed' to be only 0.5 of a metre. To the people who rely on the water for their livelihoods to assume is not a scientific answer.
- 7 No insurance company in the world will cover such a project against Environmental damage caused by this industry because the risk is too great.
- 8 The spill sites that already exist have not and cannot be rehabilitated with large amounts of money and time having been spent on them which goes to show just how toxic this industry is.