

From: Kif Saint <kif.saint@gmail.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/15/2012 11:40 am
Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

MY ADDRESS:

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

Dear Sir or Madam

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I object to AGL's project application 09_0048 to mine for coal seam gas (CSG) in Campbelltown and Camden.

I am concerned that the impacts of CSG mining have not been independently and scientifically fully researched and are largely unknown. This view is supported by professional organisations and academics in evidence to the NSW Upper House and Senate inquiries into CSG Mining in 2011 and by subsequent research both here and overseas. We do not know the true impacts and thus long term effects on our environment and health. AGL, operating under EPL No 12003 has not been allowed to self monitor its compliance, self investigate incidents and self report. There are no INDEPENDENT bodies engaged for this monitoring. Have we not learnt from the Tobacco and asbestos industries in USA and Australia.

Doctors for the Environment Australia claim that the health impacts have not been fully researched. Should it not be proven that there will be no long term, or short term health effects (Queensland is already evidencing these problems). Continuous air monitoring was not conducted at the Rosalind Park gas Treatment Plant for 3 years – a breach of its EPL No. 12003.

The proposals puts risks to Sydney's water in general and to the South West that has not been adequately assessed. AGL does not seem to know where the aquifers here run to, so regardless of where significant risks are posed to the people's water supply.

As 150000+ people reside in the growth corridor of Sydney's South West, I believe it to be economically, environmentally and socially unjustified to continue with this Camden Gas Project. It is an invasion and abuse of private property.

I acknowledge that my name will appear on my submission when publicly exhibited.

Yours sincerely

Name
Address
Signature
Date

Mr Selen
246 Campbell Rd Campbelltown
Mr Selen
17th Dec. 2012

From: Richard Salisbury <rick_au@hotmail.com>
To: plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au
Date: 12/18/2012 4:03 pm
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PO Box 7339,
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From: Diane Salter <dianesalter@aapt.net.au>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/14/2012 9:26 pm
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The premier made a promise to me and to NSW that there would be no fracking in water catchment areas. Fracking and coal seam gas must be outlawed in NSW.

Yours sincerely,
george samuel

From: Amica Sanday <amicasanday@gmail.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
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Please prevent this experiment from taking place.

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Amica Sanday

From: Peter Sanders <pjsanders@bigpond.com>
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To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/18/2012 10:14 am
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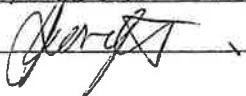
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To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/13/2012 11:38 am
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To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
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Lee Scales, of Eschol Park NSW, made the following submission on the project:

Camden Gas Project Stage 3 Northern Expansion



Objects to this project

To all those who read this,

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I thank you for taking the time to read this email and I state, one last time, that I say NO TO ANY COAL GAS SEAM PROJECTS IN THE MACARTHUR AREA.

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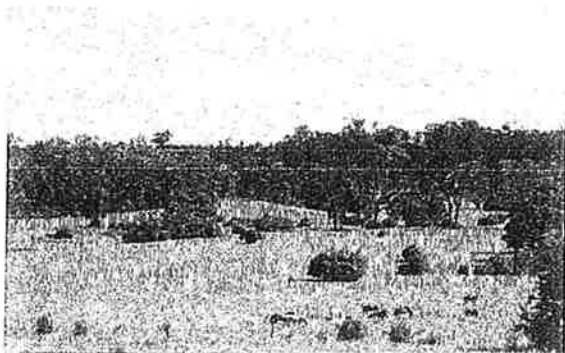
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STOP AGL's COAL SEAM GAS FIELD CAMPBELLTOWN & CAMDEN

Camden Gas Project Stage 3, Northern Expansion

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The Scenic Hills Today: horses, historic 1830's Charles Sturt dams and Carmelite Monastery.

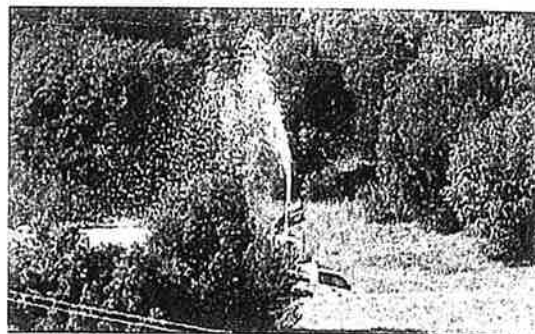
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Tell the NSW Department of Planning you won't support this.

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You have until 18th December 2012 to make a submission to the NSW Department of Planning on AGL's application for Stage 3. Visit the "Issues" page of our website for more information.

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Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

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669 Old Northern Rd DURAL NSW:

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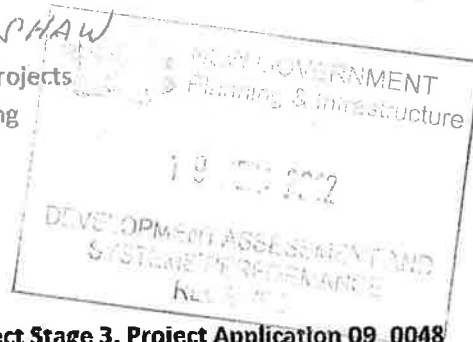
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 ST. ANDREWS
 N.S.W 2566

To: *CLAY, PRESHAW*
 Mining and Industry Projects
 Department of Planning
 GPO Box 39
 SYDNEY NSW 2001



Dear Sir/Madam

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

I object to AGL's project application 09_0048 to mine for coal seam gas (CSG) in Campbelltown and Camden. The key reasons for my objection are stated below.

I am concerned that CSG mining is a technologically-evolving industry whose impacts have not been independently and scientifically fully researched and remain largely unknown. This view is supported by professional organisations and academics in evidence to the NSW Upper House and Senate Inquiries into Coal Seam Gas Mining in 2011 and by subsequent research here and overseas. We have had to rely on the industry for much of our information when the industry has a vested interest in the outcome. AGL is no different. It claims that the Camden Gas Project has been safely operating for 10 years. Yet we understand that impacts on groundwater and air quality have not been adequately monitored, and while AGL has been operating under an Environmental Protection Licence (EPL No. 12003), it has been allowed to self-monitor its compliance, self-investigate incidents and self-report such that we do not know what true impacts it may have had. Third party consultants and external laboratories that are engaged and paid for by the industry are not *independent*. Nor is any funded or co-funded research by the CSG mining industry. These lessons should have been learnt with asbestos in Australia and with 'Big Tobacco' in the USA. The National Water Commission in its Position Statement (3rd December 2010) said that impacts may emerge over a long time period. I am deeply concerned that the costs of unforeseen problems will be borne by the community and taxpayers after AGL is long gone from the area. This is grossly irresponsible.

Doctors for the Environment Australia claims that health impacts from CSG mining have not been assessed. Preliminary research from Queensland (e.g. by Southern Cross University in Tara) and overseas is deeply concerning, especially where fracking has been used. As at December 2011, 85% of the production wells in the Camden Gas Project had been fracked (evidence from the NSW Upper House Inquiry) with inadequate monitoring of its impacts on water in particular. AGL claims that the use of horizontal wells in the proposed Stage 3 will reduce the need for fracking, but it seems that this is not entirely true since it has reserved the right to frack these wells in the future if/when the technology becomes available. The size of the proposed well clusters and any fracking of horizontal wells are both new and untested here. It will therefore be entirely experimental with unknown outcomes on health and property including the possibility of subsidence under so many urban properties.

I am also concerned about evidence from Queensland and overseas on air quality and the cumulative impact of AGL's expansion into an area that already experiences incidents of unacceptable levels of air pollution (ozone and fine particles) associated with respiratory problems (NSW Environmental Protection Authority). AGL's past performance gives no confidence that it has not already contributed to this or that it can be managed in the future,

having admitted in August this year that it had not conducted continuous air monitoring at its Rosalind Park Gas Treatment Plant for three years in breach of its EPL No.12003.

Allowing CSG mining in areas that are not zoned for heavy industry undermines zoning controls and confidence in the planning process, and creates severe land use conflicts, economic instability and inequity. It will disrupt religious communities whose vocations have so far been protected by the Scenic Hills zoning; it will place undue burden on small rural allotments whose capacity to cope is severely reduced by size (thereby threatening the survival of the entire historic Scenic Hills), and it is unsightly and unsafe in urban areas with a potential escalation in CSG mining incidents and accidents associated with the more intense urban activity (traffic, people etc.), the presence of children, and potential for vandalism. The consequent impact on land and house values for existing land and home owners may be devastating. For many people the home is their largest asset and is often leveraged to support small business. Any devaluation by bank assessors may destroy livelihoods and life savings.

I do not believe that the NSW Government's new regulations for CSG mining will ensure its safe operation here. As the only commercially producing CSG field in NSW, the Camden Gas Project has already been operating under consent conditions. Yet the NSW Government has not been able to ensure compliance, as evidenced by on-going breaches by AGL of its licence conditions, and the discovery of incidents that might not have been reported were it not for community vigilance, such as the Sugarloaf well incident in May 2011 in Menangle that allowed well contents to drift over Sydney's water channel and to nearby Glen Alpine houses.

The proposal poses risks to Sydney's water in general and to the South West in particular that have not been adequately assessed. While AGL claims that the *geology of the Sydney Basin is well known*, AGL's rationale for the constant modification of prior stages of the Camden Gas Project seems to contradict this, as does its admission to the Scenic Hills Association that it does not know where the aquifers here run to but *probably Sydney Harbour*. Potential impacts on Sydney Harbour, on the nearby Sydney Water Catchment, and AGL's proposal to run its gas gathering pipeline along Sydney's Upper Canal on public land are unacceptable risks to Sydney's water, and are an abuse of public property for the benefit of private investors.

AGL will only ever produce about 5% of NSW's gas from the Camden Gas Project according to evidence it gave under oath at the NSW Upper House Inquiry. This does not justify the risks and potential costs to the community, particularly since 150,000+ people already live and work in the immediate affected area, and this is in Sydney's south west growth corridor. It is socially, environmentally and economically unjustified, and has no social licence to operate here.

I acknowledge that my name will appear on my submission when publicly exhibited.

Yours sincerely

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Signature	B. Sciberras
Date	16 DEC 2012

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Attention
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December 15, 2012



Submission: Opposition to the Northern Expansion of Coal seam gas in the Macarthur Area.

Attention: Clay Preshaw

I am a resident of the Macarthur Area and I strongly oppose the Northern Expansion proposal. I do not want this dirty polluting form of energy anywhere near my home and family or anywhere in Australia for that matter. The more I research about the adverse effects of CSG the more I am convinced that people, wildlife, land, environments and society have a lot to lose and a lot to be sceptical and genuinely concerned about.

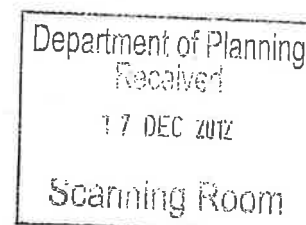
The Scenic Hills area is a beautiful natural area of green belt that we as Community want left alone. There is a high population of children and families in the area as well as Religious Communities, we want these communities and the land left untouched.

There must be a moratorium on CSG exploration and expansion until all the evidence is gathered. It is clear that the push to expand is all about getting a foot hold before the damning data and evidence regarding the adverse effects is produced. There is an overwhelming body of antidotal evidence with regards to health issues but of course scientific evidence will take some time even years to correlate and by then its too late the damage has been done.

There is nothing 'green' about CSG and therein lye's the problem. There has been much work and research done by groups for e.g. Doctors for the Environment, The National Toxics Network, Close the Gate etc etc.

Overseas evidence as well the list goes on and on, all supports the growing body of evidence, unfortunately the scientific evidence has not caught up that CSG has the potential to be a monumental disaster to the Land and people of the Southern Cross, because the industry is moving too quickly.

Why? It would be reasonably to wait, they do not have a mandate or a right to press on ahead, people must be listened to and respected.



The communities must have their say and voice their opinion and if so their objections. This proposal after all will have a huge impact and long lasting effect to life and property and health.

Which part of 'We did not want coal seam gas do you not understand'?

There are a number of serious risks to public health associated with CSG and you would be very aware of them but deny them. The toxic effects of CSG are well documented it will prove in the future to be an issue bigger than Smoking and lung cancer in the 50's and 60's when the executives new the link but were spurred on by greed. In more recent times the James Hardie asbestos issues and the millions upon millions that company has paid out. Future compensation claims cannot be ruled out in your industry. I am suggesting to tread lightly, act judiciously compensation should be facted into your expansion because that will happen, no doubt about it and AGL and associates will collapse like a deck of cards.

Research by Doctors for the Environment have stated the current level of assessment, monitoring and regulation of CSG exploration is grossly inadequate to protect the health and well fare of current and future generations of Australians. The group has identified key areas for potential damage

- ⌞ Through contamination of water, soil and air
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We have all seen the effects of methane in the documented evidence in Gaslands and have be appalled. I refer to this video and the information contained there in. Methane, carbon dioxide and all the chemical dust

spewed into the air and water supply are all big issues, these pollutants will diminish air and water quality and no amount of carbon tax will compensate the Australian population.

CSL is environmental vandalism of the worst kind it has an adverse impact on the physical, mental health of those in the surrounding area. Polluting land on and under the ground, water, air, people and animals, communities and environments.

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As I alluded to before pushing in advance of scientific evidence, in my own private opinion smacks of corruption and collusion.

Fracking is a dirty business and should not go ahead until all the independent scientific data is 'in'. It upsets the water table and worst scenario has the potential to cause an earth quake, for those not influenced by financial gain its absolute 'madness'. For those with a sense of decency, conscience and moral fiber I cannot understand how this expansion can progress.

I furthermore wish to register my objection to the violation of the planned destruction of the Pilliga Scrub, The Wilderness Society reports show that the spread of gas wells are alarming. Any further intervention will have a devastating effect on the Great Artisan Basin and the discharging of waste water into the Murray Darling Basin.

Kindly take these issues into consideration.

Denise Sciberras

From: erin scott <escott@cronepartners.com>
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Date: 12/13/2012 10:15 am
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although they had their big guns there to answer the
very worthwhile questions, the result for me was
I had "no confidence" in their statements that the area
would not suffer over time

Yours sincerely

Joan Scott

* plus the fact that the govt. has shut us out
of information & consultation.

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

Dear Sir/Madam

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

I object to AGL's project application 09_0048 to mine for coal seam gas (CSG) in Campbelltown and Camden. The key reasons for my objection are stated below.

I am concerned that CSG mining is a technologically-evolving industry whose impacts have not been independently and scientifically fully researched and remain largely unknown. This view is supported by professional organisations and academics in evidence to the NSW Upper House and Senate Inquiries into Coal Seam Gas Mining in 2011 and by subsequent research here and overseas. We have had to rely on the industry for much of our information when the industry has a vested interest in the outcome. AGL is no different. It claims that the Camden Gas Project has been safely operating for 10 years. Yet we understand that impacts on groundwater and air quality have not been adequately monitored, and while AGL has been operating under an Environmental Protection Licence (EPL No. 12003), it has been allowed to self-monitor its compliance, self-investigate incidents and self-report such that we do not know what true impacts it may have had. Third party consultants and external laboratories that are engaged and paid for by the industry are not *independent*. Nor is any funded or co-funded research by the CSG mining industry. These lessons should have been learnt with asbestos in Australia and with 'Big Tobacco' in the USA. The National Water Commission in its Position Statement (3rd December 2010) said that impacts may emerge over a long time period. I am deeply concerned that the costs of unforeseen problems will be borne by the community and taxpayers after AGL is long gone from the area. This is grossly irresponsible.

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The proposal poses risks to Sydney's water in general and to the South West in particular that have not been adequately assessed. While AGL claims that the *geology of the Sydney Basin is well known*, AGL's rationale for the constant modification of prior stages of the Camden Gas Project seems to contradict this, as does its admission to the Scenic Hills Association that it does not know where the aquifers here run to but *probably Sydney Harbour*. Potential impacts on Sydney Harbour, on the nearby Sydney Water Catchment, and AGL's proposal to run its gas gathering pipeline along Sydney's Upper Canal on public land are unacceptable risks to Sydney's water, and are an abuse of public property for the benefit of private investors.

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I acknowledge that my name will appear on my submission when publicly exhibited.

Yours sincerely

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	ELDESLIE 2570
Signature	Wendy Scott
Date	6-12-12

From: Luki Scully <lukimarketing@iprimus.com.au>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/15/2012 8:31 pm
Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

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Date: 12/17/2012 6:33 pm
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Date: 12/14/2012 9:17 am
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Would you subject your family to a known health contamination?

Yours sincerely,
Barbara Seay

From: Jill Seay <jillseay12@gmail.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
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You have an obligation to act in the best interests of the people who have elected you into office, and to honor the promises you made prior to the election. This is a MORAL OBLIGATION.

Yours sincerely,
Jill Seay

From: Michael Seay <carolina.oz@bigpond.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/14/2012 9:24 am
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Yours sincerely,
Michael Seay

From: michael seay <mick@mspprojects.com.au>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/14/2012 12:57 pm
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Clay Preshaw - want to add more to my submission

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To: "plan_comment plan_comment" <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/4/2012 3:12 PM
Subject: want to add more to my submission

Mr. and Mrs. Peter and Jacqueline Seconi
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My other concern is haven't they learnt yet with thing not being tested properly like when they built in years gone by with Asbestos , we are only now seeing the effects with this.

So im against it inmy area where i live and i was here first so i think i have a right to say no

And you can publish my name

Mrs Jacqueline seconi

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Clay Preshaw - Mr and Mrs Seconi

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****As we have children and grandchildren living in the Camden area we have a very real concern about their future health and well-being.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret Sendt

From: Lyn Serventy <lynserventy@westnet.com.au>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/13/2012 1:17 pm
Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

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Cheryl Sharma, of Panania NSW, made the following submission on the project:

Camden Gas Project Stage 3 Northern Expansion



Objects to this project

To Whom it may concern,

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Cheryl Sharma
Concerned Resident

ps: someone needs to remind AGL they need to use the capital 'A' when referring to Aboriginal people in their documents!!

From: raine sharpe <raines@australis.net>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
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From: Chris Sheed <sheed@midcoast.com.au>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/13/2012 9:00 am
Subject: No Coal Seam Gas in Western Sydney

3865 Bulga Road
Elands
NSW 2429

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From: judith sheehan <judith.sheehan1@bigpond.com>
To: plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au
Date: 12/18/2012 2:58 pm
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From: Mike Sheehan <mps0909@hotmail.com>
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From: Tony Sheehan <tony@keries.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/14/2012 4:02 pm
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From: Kyla Sheffield <kylasheffield@hotmail.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/15/2012 5:10 pm
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Lot 31 McClelland Rd.
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To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/17/2012 3:58 pm
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To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
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To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/16/2012 4:22 pm
Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

MY ADDRESS: Melbourne

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Please fund alternative energy sources - they're cheaper, cleaner, and they don't stuff up people's lives and homes.

Jan Shield

From: nicholas shield <mistertycass@hotmail.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/14/2012 9:52 pm
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Date: 12/12/2012 10:32 pm
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From: Charlie Shuetrim AM <cshuetrim@sancha.com.au>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/12/2012 8:37 pm
Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

30A Marlborough Place St Ives

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

Dear Minister

I know that this is largely a form letter, however let me assure you that I do understand the issues and that I am constantly dismayed by your government's complete disregard for its citizens and the environment. You are encouraging short term exploitation and sacrificing long term well being of both the people and the environment. Any government making decisions like this is quite simply not fit to govern!

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Peter Sidgreaves, of Harrington Park NSW, made the following submission on the project:

Camden Gas Project Stage 3 Northern Expansion



Objects to this project

Please find attached my submission in objection to the State Significant Development - Stage 3 Northern Expansion of The Camden Gas Project.

Regards,
Peter Sidgreaves
0427 648 033

- Attachment: [20121215-Submission-Camden-Gas-Project-Stage-3-Northern-Expansion.pdf](#)

State Significant Development – Stage 3 Northern Expansion of The Camden Gas Project

I would like to take this opportunity to submit my objection to the State Significant Development – Stage 3 Northern Expansion of the Camden Gas Project. As a resident of Harrington Park and a councillor on Camden council I specifically object to the six proposed coal seam gas (CSG) wells located within the Camden Local Government Area (LGA).

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In conclusion, given the concerns and risks, I emphatically object to all aspects of Stage 3 Northern Expansion of the Camden Gas Project in its current form. Further, I do not support CSG on or within the vicinity of residential and agricultural land. As such, I request that Stage 3 Northern Expansion of the Camden Gas Project be refused from being conducted within the Camden LGA.

Yours sincerely

Peter Sidgreaves

0427 648 033

Camden LGA Resident

Camden Councillor

From: Fiona Sim <fionamsim@yahoo.com.au>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/12/2012 9:12 pm
Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

6213 Castlereagh Highway
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NSW 2850

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Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

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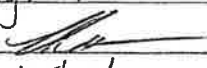
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Signature	
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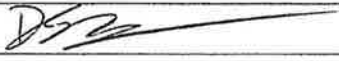
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STOP AGL's COAL SEAM GAS FIELD CAMPBELLTOWN & CAMDEN

Camden Gas Project Stage 3, Northern Expansion

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The Scenic Hills Today: horses, historic 1830's Charles Sturt dams and Carmelite Monastery.

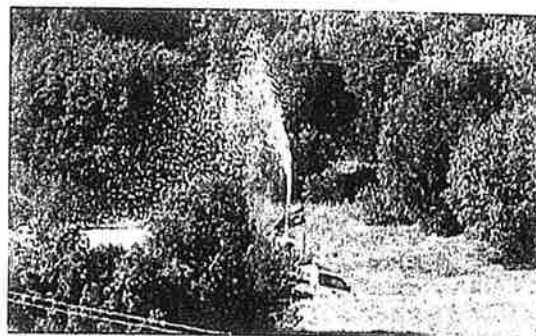
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Tell the NSW Department of Planning you won't support this.

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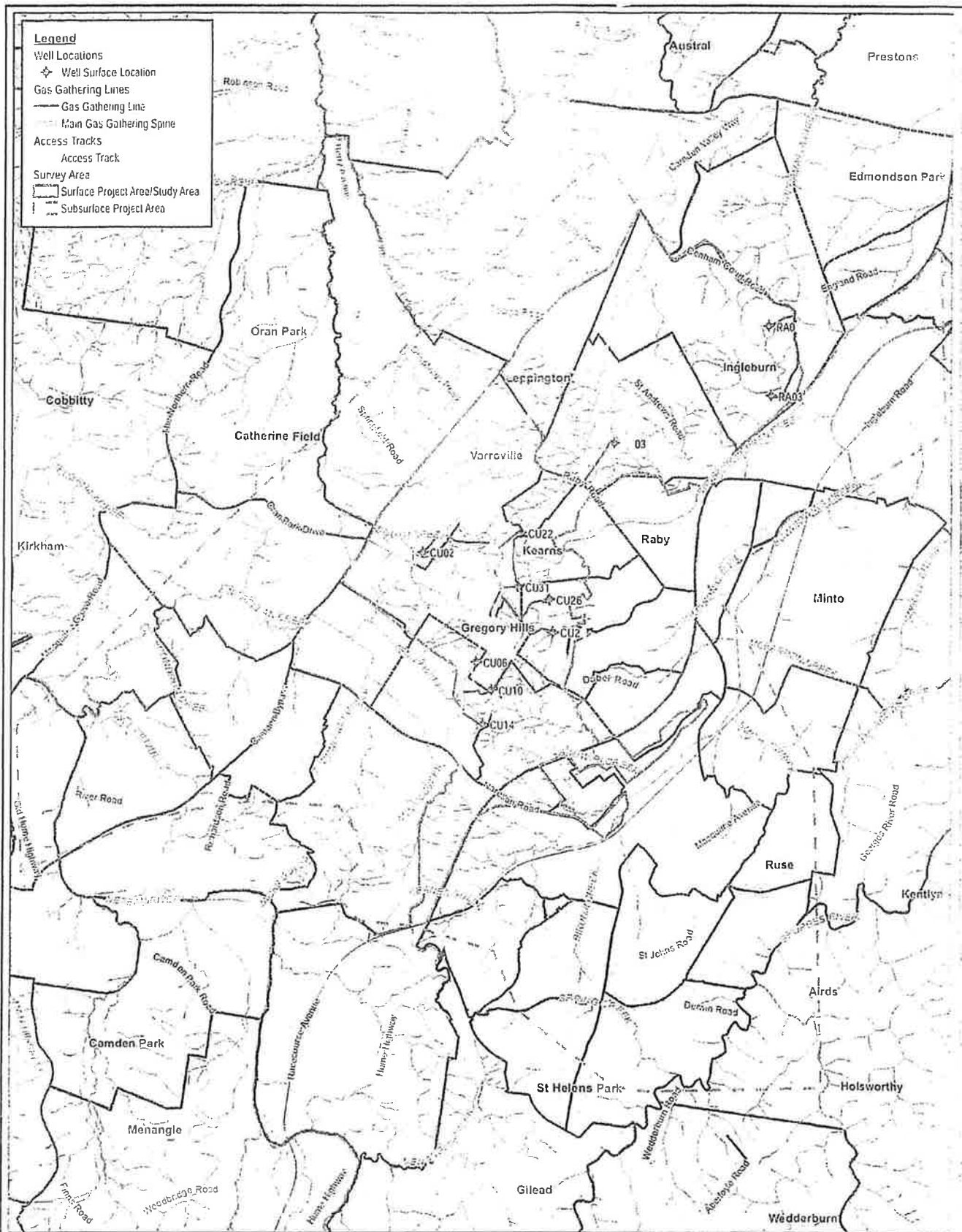
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Figure 3: Proposed Amended Project

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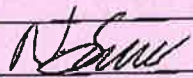
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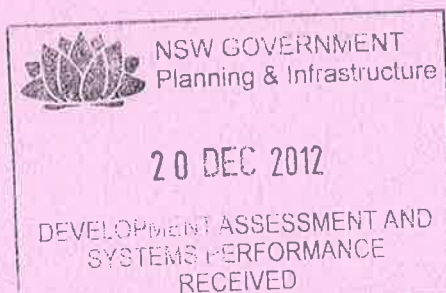
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Date	18/12/12

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To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/13/2012 10:57 am
Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

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Date: 12/20/2012 8:25 am
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From: Mark Smaling <roostersmaling@ozemail.com.au>
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Date: 12/13/2012 3:26 pm
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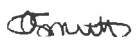
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To: plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au
Date: 12/18/2012 12:56 pm
Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

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Camden Gas Project Stage 3 Northern Expansion



Objects to this project

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From: Louise Somerville <lmsom6@yahoo.com.au>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/12/2012 6:52 pm
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From: Cameron Stacey <Cameronstacey@hotmail.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/12/2012 8:15 pm
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From: Andrea Standage <standagea@hotmail.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/17/2012 7:06 pm
Subject: This is a crime

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

Dear Sir/Madam

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

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I am concerned that CSG mining is a technologically-evolving industry whose impacts have not been independently and scientifically fully researched and remain largely unknown. This view is supported by professional organisations and academics in evidence to the NSW Upper House and Senate Inquiries into Coal Seam Gas Mining in 2011 and by subsequent research here and overseas. We have had to rely on the industry for much of our information when the industry has a vested interest in the outcome. AGL is no different. It claims that the Camden Gas Project has been safely operating for 10 years. Yet we understand that impacts on groundwater and air quality have not been adequately monitored, and while AGL has been operating under an Environmental Protection Licence (EPL No. 12003), it has been allowed to self-monitor its compliance, self-investigate incidents and self-report such that we do not know what true impacts it may have had. Third party consultants and external laboratories that are engaged and paid for by the industry are not *independent*. Nor is any funded or co-funded research by the CSG mining industry. These lessons should have been learnt with asbestos in Australia and with 'Big Tobacco' in the USA. The National Water Commission in its Position Statement (3rd December 2010) said that impacts may emerge over a long time period. I am deeply concerned that the costs of unforeseen problems will be borne by the community and taxpayers after AGL is long gone from the area. This is grossly irresponsible.

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having admitted in August this year that it had not conducted continuous air monitoring at its Rosalind Park Gas Treatment Plant for three years in breach of its EPL No.12003.

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I do not believe that the NSW Government's new regulations for CSG mining will ensure its safe operation here. As the only commercially producing CSG field in NSW, the Camden Gas Project has already been operating under consent conditions. Yet the NSW Government has not been able to ensure compliance, as evidenced by on-going breaches by AGL of its licence conditions, and the discovery of incidents that might not have been reported were it not for community vigilance, such as the Sugarloaf well incident in May 2011 in Menangle that allowed well contents to drift over Sydney's water channel and to nearby Glen Alpine houses.

The proposal poses risks to Sydney's water in general and to the South West in particular that have not been adequately assessed. While AGL claims that the *geology of the Sydney Basin is well known*, AGL's rationale for the constant modification of prior stages of the Camden Gas Project seems to contradict this, as does its admission to the Scenic Hills Association that it does not know where the aquifers here run to but *probably Sydney Harbour*. Potential impacts on Sydney Harbour, on the nearby Sydney Water Catchment, and AGL's proposal to run its gas gathering pipeline along Sydney's Upper Canal on public land are unacceptable risks to Sydney's water, and are an abuse of public property for the benefit of private investors.

AGL will only ever produce about 5% of NSW's gas from the Camden Gas Project according to evidence it gave under oath at the NSW Upper House Inquiry. This does not justify the risks and potential costs to the community, particularly since 150,000+ people already live and work in the immediate affected area, and this is in Sydney's south west growth corridor. It is socially, environmentally and economically unjustified, and has no social licence to operate here.

I acknowledge that my name will appear on my submission when publicly exhibited.

Yours sincerely

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Address	50 DEVONSHIRE ROAD
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Signature	<i>V. Stanford</i>
Date	10th December 2012

From: Meriel Stanger <mstanger@powerup.com.au>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/17/2012 4:22 pm
Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

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I don't live in Greater Western Sydney but I can see this is just the beginning of this project going nationally so I'm supporting my fellow man as I don't want it to happen in my area.

With love

Meriel Stanger

From: Meredith Stanton <mer@tpg.com.au>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
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I write from the Clarence Valley in NSW. Our community does not want the coal seam gas industry operating in our area for all the same reasons.
A state-wide moratorium is needed on all NSW petroleum licences.

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Meredith Stanton

From: Mark Stapledon <stapledon@hotmail.com>
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Date: 12/17/2012 4:26 pm
Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

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Attachments: 0120_001.pdf

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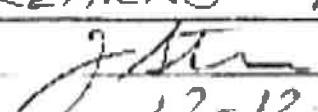
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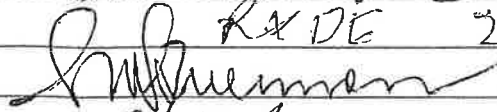
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To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/12/2012 7:32 pm
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Mining and Industry Projects
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

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

I object to AGL's project application 09_0048 to mine for coal seam gas (CSG) in Campbelltown and Camden. The key reasons for my objection are stated below.

I am concerned that CSG mining is a technologically-evolving industry whose impacts have not been independently and scientifically fully researched and remain largely unknown. This view is supported by professional organisations and academics in evidence to the NSW Upper House and Senate Inquiries into Coal Seam Gas Mining in 2011 and by subsequent research here and overseas. We have had to rely on the industry for much of our information when the industry has a vested interest in the outcome. AGL is no different. It claims that the Camden Gas Project has been safely operating for 10 years. Yet we understand that impacts on groundwater and air quality have not been adequately monitored, and while AGL has been operating under an Environmental Protection Licence (EPL No. 12003), it has been allowed to self-monitor its compliance, self-investigate incidents and self-report such that we do not know what true impacts it may have had. Third party consultants and external laboratories that are engaged and paid for by the industry are not *independent*. Nor is any funded or co-funded research by the CSG mining industry. These lessons should have been learnt with asbestos in Australia and with 'Big Tobacco' in the USA. The National Water Commission in its Position Statement (3rd December 2010) said that impacts may emerge over a long time period. I am deeply concerned that the costs of unforeseen problems will be borne by the community and taxpayers after AGL is long gone from the area. This is grossly irresponsible.

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Allowing CSG mining in areas that are not zoned for heavy industry undermines zoning controls and confidence in the planning process, and creates severe land use conflicts, economic instability and inequity. It will disrupt religious communities whose vocations have so far been protected by the Scenic Hills zoning; it will place undue burden on small rural allotments whose capacity to cope is severely reduced by size (thereby threatening the survival of the entire historic Scenic Hills), and it is unsightly and unsafe in urban areas with a potential escalation in CSG mining incidents and accidents associated with the more intense urban activity (traffic, people etc.), the presence of children, and potential for vandalism. The consequent impact on land and house values for existing land and home owners may be devastating. For many people the home is their largest asset and is often leveraged to support small business. Any devaluation by bank assessors may destroy livelihoods and life savings.

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I acknowledge that my name will appear on my submission when publicly exhibited.

Yours sincerely

Name	Valmai Stewart
Address	32 Alpha Road
	Camden NSW 2570
Signature	V Stewart
Date	16 December 2012

From: Brigitte and Bob Stievermann and Ross <brignbob@inet.net.au>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/17/2012 8:23 pm
Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

MY ADDRESS: Northern NSW where the fight is on!!!!!! AS you will soon experience down there too!

P.O. Box 722
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MY ADDRESS: afterlee rd Eden Creek 2474

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Camden Gas Project Stage 3 Northern Expansion



Objects to this project

I object to this project being so close to residential properties. There must be a halt to all new development of CSG until proper medical studies have been conducted to verify their safety. There is too much anecdotal evidence to push ahead at present. We risk ending up with another asbestos type situation, where years down the track we realise just how dangerous CSG is. By then too many people will have suffered. No CSG until the proper research has been conducted over several years of study.

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Ruth Strelnikow, of Raby NSW, made the following submission on the project:

Camden Gas Project Stage 3 Northern Expansion



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From: Katrina Strick <kfo2@bigpond.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12/17/2012 4:51 pm
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Date: 12/17/2012 10:34 pm
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Doctors for the Environment Australia claims that health impacts from CSG mining have not been assessed. Preliminary research from Queensland (e.g. by Southern Cross University in Tara) and overseas is deeply concerning, especially where fracking has been used. As at December 2011, 85% of the production wells in the Camden Gas Project had been fracked (evidence from the NSW Upper House Inquiry) with inadequate monitoring of its impacts on water in particular. AGL claims that the use of horizontal wells in the proposed Stage 3 will reduce the need for fracking, but it seems that this is not entirely true since it has reserved the right to frack these wells in the future if/when the technology becomes available. The size of the proposed well clusters and any fracking of horizontal wells are both new and untested here. It will therefore be entirely experimental with unknown outcomes on health and property including the possibility of subsidence under so many urban properties.

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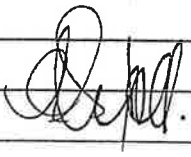
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Dear Sir/Madam

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

I object to AGL's project application 09_0048 to mine for coal seam gas (CSG) in Campbelltown and Camden. The key reasons for my objection are stated below.

I am concerned that CSG mining is a technologically-evolving industry whose impacts have not been independently and scientifically fully researched and remain largely unknown. This view is supported by professional organisations and academics in evidence to the NSW Upper House and Senate Inquiries into Coal Seam Gas Mining in 2011 and by subsequent research here and overseas. We have had to rely on the industry for much of our information when the industry has a vested interest in the outcome. AGL is no different. It claims that the Camden Gas Project has been safely operating for 10 years. Yet we understand that impacts on groundwater and air quality have not been adequately monitored, and while AGL has been operating under an Environmental Protection Licence (EPL No. 12003), it has been allowed to self-monitor its compliance, self-investigate incidents and self-report such that we do not know what true impacts it may have had. Third party consultants and external laboratories that are engaged and paid for by the industry are not *independent*. Nor is any funded or co-funded research by the CSG mining industry. These lessons should have been learnt with asbestos in Australia and with 'Big Tobacco' in the USA. The National Water Commission in its Position Statement (3rd December 2010) said that impacts may emerge over a long time period. I am deeply concerned that the costs of unforeseen problems will be borne by the community and taxpayers after AGL is long gone from the area. This is grossly irresponsible.

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I am also concerned about evidence from Queensland and overseas on air quality and the cumulative impact of AGL's expansion into an area that already experiences incidents of unacceptable levels of air pollution (ozone and fine particles) associated with respiratory problems (NSW Environmental Protection Authority). AGL's past performance gives no confidence that it has not already contributed to this or that it can be managed in the future,

having admitted in August this year that it had not conducted continuous air monitoring at its Rosalind Park Gas Treatment Plant for three years in breach of its EPL No.12003.

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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.
- Homeowners face declining property values within and adjoining coal seam gas fields with some estimating house values may fall up to 30%.
- The integrity of gas wells can't be guaranteed and research from gas fields in Queensland and the US has shown many fail in their first few year. This will leave the community to deal with the impact of leaking wells on air quality and local water supplies.
- 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,
Karen Symonds