

To

Date 29/01/2013

Honourable Brad Hazzard,

Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

NSW

From,

Rijil narayanan & Soniya Thomas

20 Lancaster street

Gregory hills

NSW 2557

Subject: submission opposing AGL COAL SEAM GAS CAMDEN GAS PROJECT NEAR GREGORY HILLS

Dear Minister,

Me and my family just moved to Gregory hills last year from Liverpool 2170 for the fresh and peaceful amenity, employment and lifestyle opportunities which I can offer for our children with a selection of new schools Campbelltown TAFE, UNSW, Industrial Estate commercial centres and sporting facility etc and is a pleasant environment contrasting the hustle and bustle and crowding of a place like Liverpool where we used to live.

Camden council or real estate agents or Dartwest Development or your state government did not inform us of the proposed expansion of AGL coal seam gas drilling and mining under our homes and our neighbouring area.

If we had known about the plan of AGL COAL SEAM GAS DRILLING WORKS under our nose we would definitely avoided the area probably not even anywhere near Gregory Hills.

We are having a lifetime mortgage of near \$500000 and now we are even worried for our suburb destined for degrading and socio economic die back.

We are not against mining at all but really worried about the mining methods used under fully populated residential suburb like ours. It's actually beyond our belief that you as a minister and your planning department and including our Health Minister are so seriously compromised and totally undermined by a un tested controversial , dangerous toxic hazardous and emissive mining industry.

We understand that AGL-CSG drilling and mining under our populated and established communities is new to urban Australia. Well I or any member of my family or any member of our community is not a westie lab rat for you or ALG or for any other companies which only have to bother about their own financial benefits.

No one; not even you as a minister has a social licence to degrade our family lifestyle, our home, our back yard, our veggie patch , our soil, our water ,our air and the future of our children and our community.

The major why we oppose AGL-CSG Expansion include

AIR QUALITY AND HEALTH

- Historic poor air quality across the projected area and greater south western Sydney
- Serious health risk including dramatic increasing in respiratory diseases and asthma
- South western Sydney already has the highest incidence of hospitalisation due to asthma
- Potential for long term undetected methane gas leaks forming fugitive plumes of toxic emissions
- Dangerously incomplete physical and chemical analysis of CSG drilling/mining processes or methods.
- Risk of uncontrollable toxic emissions to air threatening many schools sited above mining.

NATURAL ENVOIRNMENT- GEOLOGY/HYDROLOGY.

- Long term geological damage to rivers water beads and creeks
- Contamination of south creek and Narellan creek feeding Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment
- Structural damage to building environments dangerous land slip in a predominantly clay sub soil
- Expansion and shrinkage of clay causing fracture to gas pipes
- Irreversible damage to native flora and fauna, soil and vegetation.
- Risk of dangerous and toxic by-products entering in water and soil.

NOISE.

- Inadequate/incomplete studies in to 24hr drilling/mining methods noise level s impacting on our health
- Failure to acknowledge the long term reflected noise level or sleeping disturbance, neurological concerns considering that the human perception of noise is much higher at night times.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PROCESS.

- Failure by the department of planning , Camden council and AGL to provide accessible information
- AGL provided only 2 copies of environmental assessment , one at Camden council foyer and one at Campbelltown and withdrew the original environmental assessment October 2010 so that the community could not compare the original proposal with the main report October 2012

- Having an exhibition period leading up to Christmas when families and work force are busy preparing for the holiday season an old trick to reduce and dilute community response.
- Failure to show the 2.500 mtrs radius drilling foot prints for each well location

POLITICAL AND DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

- Concerns that you and your department including health have not carried out complete professional and independent analysis of AGL-CSG project
- Concerns about the Premiers recent media indication about his approval pre-empting the decision making process by the planning assessment commission(PAC) a selected panel of experts to undertake a merit review of the project.

AGL Consultants and the Dart west Development have been dishonest in their documentation by not including an accurate definition of the project area, omitting key credible studies on the historic poor air quality in our air shed using conceptual methods and modelling that suits their perspective but neglecting the dangers of drilling/mining methods.

It is not up to me, my family or the members of our community to prove that AGL-CSG mining is a serious risk to our local life, health and future. Camden council , the state Government , planning department and finally you ,the minister, the ultimate consenting authority have a DUTY OF CARE to all the residents of south western Sydney to protect our health , living, learning, working and recreational environment. You personally minister, your premier and your cabinet will be held personally responsible for destroying our basic human rights to clean air and water, good health that you would never ever let endanger you and your colleagues protected communities.

Could you please reply promptly, confirming you have received my/ my family's submission.

Yours faithfully

Rijil Narayanan

20 lancaster street

Gregory hills 2557.

From: Bernice <bernicenaylor76@gmail.com>
To: "plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au" <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 1/22/2013 10:27 am
Subject: Submission opposing AGL coal seam gas Camden project - 09-0048
Attachments: Submission opposing AGL CSG Camden Gas Project (Stage 3) 09-0048.pdf

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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**

My husband and I moved to Narellan Vale in 2003. With the open space and nice residential areas, it seemed like the ideal location to raise a family – until we realised just how poor the air quality is.

We've recently become aware of AGL's proposed expansion for coal seam gas drilling, mining and fracking in south west Sydney. There is no proof which states that this process is harmless. In fact, the chemicals used in this process are highly volatile and the large quantities produce toxic gas and emissions which will reside in our air and water.

South west Sydney already has the highest rate of hospital admissions for asthma – and you want to make that worse by allowing this mining? Why should future generations suffer because of a political decision made without any thought of the implications?

We aren't against mining, but we can't see how approval of this project is beneficial in an already populated area, nor beneficial to the health of our family. Why should south west Sydney be a test case for potentially more dangerous mining and fracking across Sydney, just because Minister Hazzard and Premier O'Farrell don't live here?

As Australian citizens, we have the right to choose where we want to live and raise our family. As human beings, we also have the right to breathe clean air, drink uncontaminated water and live in a safe environment. Our family and the thousands of other families in this area don't deserve to be treated as second class citizens.

The extent of this proposal is totally unacceptable. You have a duty of care to the residents of NSW to ensure that a professional, expert and independent analysis is carried out on this proposal, and not just tick the box via a "merit review" of the project.

The future of our children depends on it.

Signature: 

Full name: Bernice Naylor

Address: PO Box 385, Ingleburn NSW 1890

From: Lara Nettle <rhubarbandcustard@mac.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 1/19/2013 11:20 am
Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

MY ADDRESS:

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,
Lara Nettle

From: "Freda Nguyen" <freda_nguyen@hotmail.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 2/8/2013 10:51 am
Subject: NO NO NO coal seam gas mining near or in residential areas.

From: Tuan Nguyen <ks48001@gmail.com>
To: <matthew.riley@planning.nsw.gov.au>
CC: <assessments@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 1/16/2013 1:39 pm
Subject: Submission Details for Tuan Nguyen (object)

Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Tuan Nguyen
Email: ks48001@gmail.com

Address:
99 Explorer St

Gregory Hills, NSW
2557

Content:
Dear Sir/Madam

As a new land owner who will be living right next to these CSG wells, I am very concern and worried that CSG mining will have a negative affect to our health and the environment in the long term.

Regards,

Tuan Nguyen

IP Address: - 203.10.43.37

Submission: Online Submission from Tuan Nguyen (object)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view_diary&id=52828

Submission for Job: #2921 Camden Gas Project Stage 3 Northern Expansion
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view_job&id=2921

Site: #41 Camden Gas Field; , Camden/Wollondilly/Campbelltown
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view_site&id=41

From: "Nicer, Lorena" <Loree.NICER@cba.com.au>
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Date: 1/15/2013 1:43 pm
Subject: SUBMISSION OPPOSING AGL CSG CAMDEN GAS PROJECT - APPN NO
09_0048

Good afternoon,

Attached please find my letter opposing CSG project in Camden. We want Gregory Hills CSG free!

Please acknowledge receipt.

Thank you.

Loree Nicer
13 Fingal Close
GREGORY HILLS NSW 2557

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Subject: SUBMISSION OPPOSING AGL CSG CAMDEN GAS PROJECT - APPN NO
09_0048
Attachments: csg-submission.docx

Good morning,

Attached please find my letter opposing CSG project in Camden. We want Gregory Hills CSG free!

Please acknowledge receipt.

Thank you.

Anecito Nicer
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GREGORY HILLS NSW 2557

14 January 2013

The Honorable Brad Hazzard
Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Dear Minister Hazzard

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

My family and like the rest of our neighborhood wants Gregory Hills CSG free! Camden a CSG free suburb!

Our house in Gregory Hills is our second home. We used to live in Currans Hill in a 3 bedroom house. Had we not moved, we would have paid our mortgage in a few years time. But we were enticed to live in Gregory Hills. We like the open space, lots of parks which residents like us get to enjoy when we do our walk, when we ride our bikes. We enjoy the different birds and butterflies even dragonflies which you rarely see nowadays. There are different varieties of trees planted around the area, along the streets which bear flowers depending on the season. It has wider roads, lakes, lots of picnic areas for families to enjoy, it has an amphitheater, in front of house is an open gym – in short it was a well and beautifully designed community. We are in late forties and we thought it is a good place to live and retire – a good investment!

In 2010, we used our equity in our first home to buy the land and build a house in Gregory Hills. Like the people who bought in the first stage, we have not been told of the CSG proposal. We did not know about it nor aware of it until we received a letter from Andrew Cartledge in mid December last year. Obviously, there wasn't much dissemination of information regarding the proposal – not from the State government, not from your department, not from our local government nor from our developer. Had we known that such proposal exists then we would not have bought or chosen to live here. Our home now is our only investment, this is **ALL WE GOT** and we are concerned at the effects of CSG as overtime it will definitely reduce the value of our home.

Apparently, AGL application dated back February 2009, if there had been such proposal long before, **why did the State government or your department and Camden government allow and approve Gregory Hills to develop this land as residential area? Where is your sense of responsibility and duty of care?** Why didn't the NSW government and Camden government or AGL didn't purchase the land right there and then if the project will bring you lots and lots and lots of money from royalties? Had you done so then we will not have this problem now! Why now when the area is now beautifully developed? Don't you think that there is so much at stake here now? We used our hard earned money to purchase the land and build our dream home here. So many families live here now. We have invested a lot not only financially but our time and efforts. We are just starting to enjoy our home. How could you turn our Australian dream into a worst nightmare? How could

you – the Government deceive us? You are supposed to help and support us build that Australian dream and not shatter it. Rest assured though that we will not give up easily **not without a fight!**

What happened to the national/state/local government's social conscience? Labor introduced the carbon tax because it supposedly cares for the environment and yet the same government are planning and proposing to bring CSG underneath our homes! As the government whom we voted, whom we entrust our lives and the lives of our children and future generation and whom we put in office, isn't your role to protect and care about our health first? Why are you even contemplating this project when you have not done enough research or studies regarding the future impacts of CSG in terms of air quality, its future impact to natural environment, noise pollution or what its possible effects to our community. **You are putting the health of our family, our children and future generation in danger!**

You know well in your heart and in your conscience that CGS mining is a serious risk to our community, to our life, to our children and to our environment. You, along with Camden Council, and other government departments have the power to prevent this catastrophic disaster from happening. Like me, you are a family man, and all you wish for is the best for your family, for your children and your children's children. I am sure you would never ever let you or your family or your community be put in danger.

Minister Hazzard (and other department ministers who have a say in this project), **I trust and pray to God that you will be guided by your conscience and decide in our favor – a CSG free Gregory Hills! ...a CSG free Camden!**

Could you please reply promptly, confirming that you have received my (family) submission?

Yours faithfully,

Anecito Nicer and Lorena Nicer
13 Fingal Closes
GREGORY HILLS NSW 2557

"Sample Submission no. 1 – ALL SUBURBS"

Prepared by Narellan Action Group

OUR OPPOSITION TO AGL Coal Seam Gas Expansion

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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-----

EMAIL TO: plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au
POST TO: THE DIRECTOR, MINING AND INDUSTRY PROJECTS
NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, GPO BOX 39, SYDNEY, NSW, 2001

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

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 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.

Recently we became aware of the proposed expansion of AGL Coal Seam Gas drilling, mining and '**fracing**' or '**fracturing**' under our homes, schools, workplaces, football fields, cricket ovals, leisure centres, our community halls, our churches, our petrol stations, our overhead bridges, open spaces and catchment areas.

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 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 '**fracing**' processes.

Despite misleading media reports AGL-CSG will definitely 'frac' under us. AGL's intentions are very clear in both their 2010 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 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 ?

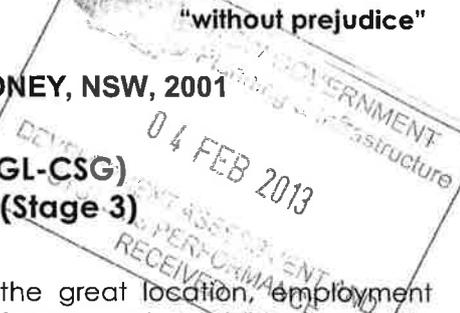
We understand that AGL-CSG drilling, mining and 'fracing' under our populated and established communities is totally new to urban Australia. Is South Western Sydney AGL's and the O'Farrell Government's test case to expand toxic mining under metropolitan Sydney?

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.
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Deeply Flawed Community Consultation - Lacking Honesty, Openness and Transparency

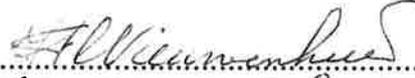
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- Positioning the exhibition period leading into Christmas when families and work force are busy in preparation for the holiday season.
- Failure by AGL to accept that many people do not have access to the internet, and those who have internet access 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 radius 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 AGL-CSG COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC) 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 pre-empting 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.
- It is not up to me, my family, or members of our community to prove that AGL's Coal Seam Gas mining is a 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)..... 

Full Name(s)..... JOHANNA FEIL NIEUWENHUIS.....

Address..... 73 SIRIUS CIRCUIT, NARELLAN 2567.....

OUR DEADLINE IS - FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2013 "write early, write often"

Copy and pass on

From: Annie Nielsen <anniphil@bigpond.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 2/8/2013 4:43 pm
Subject: Don't Sacrifice Greater Western Sydney to Coal Seam Gas

MY ADDRESS: 15 Cliff Ave, Winston Hills 2153

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Yours sincerely,
Annie Nielsen

From: Tanya Nippita <tanippita@hotmail.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 2/10/2013 5:02 pm
Subject: Objection to the proposed modification to the 23-37 Lindfield and 11 Havilah Lane development (MP08_0244MOD1)

To whom it may concern,

As a current resident of Lindfield, I wish to lodge an objection to the proposed Modification of the above development due to:-an increase in the additional storey to both buildings is out of character to the surrounding buildings and also the character of Lindfield at large-there are privacy concerns for over 40 apartments in the adjacent residences-the height is excessive relative to the Ku-Ring-Gai Local Environmental Plan 2012-the additional storeys create new adverse shadowing for residents in the Havilah Lane apartments, outdoor cafe and central Lindfield hub-loss of car spaces, which have already being identified as inadequate. In addition, the extra residents within the extra storeys will also increase the demand for car spaces which have not been addressed.

It is disappointing that this project was approved in the first place, as it is out of character for the Lindfield precinct, but the request for modification for the development will be further detrimental to the Lindfield area.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Tanya Nippita
4/1 Havilah Road Lindfield NSW 2070

From: Paul Noring <Paul.Noring@tollgroup.com>
To: "plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au" <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 2/8/2013 9:01 am
Subject: Coal gas mining in the Campbelltown area

I am a long term (since 1981) rate payer and resident of the Campbelltown area and I would like to raise my strong objection to any planned coal seam gas exploration in the area.

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

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

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

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. Please prevent the contamination of ground water and escape of toxic gases and chemicals

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 years. 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. Coal seam gas mining is unnecessary and unsustainable. Conserve our environment for present and future generations, please.

Yours sincerely,
Gregory North