WESTERN SYDNEY A DISTRACTION FROM AGL FRACKING IN THE HUNTER.

Don’t be fooled. News that AGL is suspending its flawed application to drill in Western Sydney is a distraction.

This Company HAS NEVER BEEN MORE ACTIVE THAN IT IS, NOW, IN THE HUNTER VALLEY, and is ramping up to launch its fracking in the region.

IS IT ALREADY TOO LATE TO SAVE THE HUNTER WINE INDUSTRY, with fracking exploration wells in the vineyards about to commence?

AGL Energy:

• Continues to drill in the vineyards of the Hunter Valley.
• Announces that it is to commence fracking its exploration wells in the vineyards.
• Is not required by the Government to undergo a full Environmental Assessment for this, just a desk top Review of Environmental Factors.
• Treats all communities with the same and expected utter contempt.
• Seeks to suspend its application to drill for CSG under houses in western Sydney, knowing it was about to fail in the Planning Assessment Commission.
• Obtained the support of CSG promoter, Minister Hartcher, to suspend its western Sydney application, probably until after the Federal election.
• Lied when it says that only “some” people are concerned about CSG drilling and fracking.
• Conceded that it had not addressed community concerns about water, fracking, the environment and drilling.
• Failed to take notice of NSW Health slamming them for not doing a health assessment, for not even consulting NSW Health.

This Government, in partnership with AGL Energy, is doing its very best to ensure the State of New South Wales is environmentally fracked, leaving a terrible legacy for our children.

Thank goodness the Federal Government seems to be now taking an interest and has slammed the O’Farrell Government’s lack of environmental protection of our water and our prime agricultural land.

Why can’t the likes of AGL see that their CSG experiments are an environmental failure and get on with supporting sustainable energy? Why won’t the NSW Government protect the Hunter Valley.