

GAS WATCH 22.

FURTHER SYDNEY GAS COMMUNITY ALIENATION.

Scott Black, a local employee of Sydney Gas, has responded to an HBGAG email advising that a Review of Environmental Factors is being prepared seeking approval for a further core hole to be drilled somewhere in our area.

He has been asked for an address or site co-ordinates, however he has ignored our request.

We have asked him to provide us with a copy of the REF as soon as it is lodged with the Department, but he has refused, even though the Department suggested to us that we ask Sydney Gas to do just that.

We have reminded him of undertakings given to our group by the General Counsel of Sydney Gas, Frank Kristic, and the former local employee Hind Kourouche, but he says he is unaware of them. You wouldn't think it would be too hard to wander down the hall to the General Counsel's office and ask him. But no, just deny any knowledge is the easy way out. An effect of this of course is to further alienate the community.

This Company continues to treat the community with scorn, notwithstanding the claims of the current Executive Chairman that it is trying to change the culture of the company.

SYDNEY GAS IS STILL TRYING TO SIGN UP LANDHOLDERS TO DRILL THROUGH THEIR LAND AND THROUGH THE WATER TABLE TO THE COAL SEAMS BELOW.

REMEMBER, SYDNEY GAS/AGL CANNOT COME ONTO YOUR LAND WITHOUT YOU SIGNING AN ACCESS AGREEMENT.

DON'T BELIEVE ANY SPIN THEY MAY TELL YOU. SEEK LEGAL ADVICE IF SYDNEY GAS PROVIDE YOU WITH AN AGREEMENT TO SIGN. THEY ARE NOT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL SIGNED AND YOU CAN SEEK ADVICE FROM ANYONE. YOU CAN SHOW IT TO WHOMEVER YOU LIKE IF IT IS UNSIGNED.

THE HUNTER BULGA GAS ACTION GROUP WILL REFER YOU TO A SOLICITOR, WITHOUT COST TO YOU, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH SYDNEY GAS.

BETTER STILL, GET SYDNEY GAS TO AGREE TO PAY YOUR LEGAL COSTS IN SEEKING ADVICE ON ANY ACCESS AGREEMENT....BUT GET THAT AGREEMENT IN WRITING.

Check out the HB GAG website for more information.

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