

pac - submission - Camden Gas Project Stage 3, Project Application 09_0048

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Please find my submission attached.
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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 in Campbelltown and Camden. The reasons for my objection are outlined in my submission to the Department of Planning dated 17 December 2012, but I would like to add a couple of points below.

At the outset I note the constantly changing goal posts recently in relation to this issue – the due date for submissions being postponed, AGL admitting mid-game that they plan to implement use of hydraulic fracking techniques in Stage 3 (contrary to previous assurances by AGL and the state government), the cancellation of the PAC hearings in February 2013, and now the State Government's apparent about-face in relation to CSG mining in "residential areas", the viticulture and equine industries. Who knows what the next week or month will bring? I believe this is a reflection on how changeable and unpredictable this industry is and how impossible it really is for any government to effectively regulate.

The main point I want to add to my previous submission is that AGL has breached its license conditions (PELs and PPLs) in relation to the Camden Gas Project yet they are able to continue their mining operations. One of these breaches is in relation to the release of toxins into the atmosphere from their Rosalind Park Plant. The EPA and the state government seem to be toothless tigers. It is no wonder the communities of Camden and Campbelltown have become suspicious of anything AGL or the NSW government say in relation to the CSG industry.

I note one of the PAC's terms of reference for the Commission is to "recommend appropriate measures to avoid, minimise and/or offset ... impacts" relating to surface and groundwater, hydraulic fracturing, potential land use conflicts, and any other potentially significant impacts.

Upon reading about the effects of this industry it seems that *any* impacts from the CSG industry *cannot be avoided, minimised and/or offset, even* if appropriate baseline studies were performed. *Any* potential impacts to air and water, and even to the stability of the

ground underneath and around our homes, dams, waterways, rural areas, and farms are potentially irreversible and hazardous. The damage that this industry seems to be causing elsewhere particularly in NSW, QLD and the USA seems devastatingly irreversible. And, considering that methane is a more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, this industry is contributing to potentially irreversible *worldwide* damage.

The health of Australia's land, water and air, its flora, fauna and people is at stake if this industry is permitted to expand.

Yours sincerely

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