

Latest Updates and links for gas protests

<http://www.smh.com.au/business/agl-exploration-in-hunter-roasted-by-big-and-small-20101021-16w07.html>

<http://www.smh.com.au/business/banker-joins-noisy-hunter-gas-protest-20101021-16w00.html>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/video/2010/10/21/3044963.htm?site=sydney§ion=video>

More can be found at

<http://coalition.wage.org.au/news/>

<http://www.facebook.com/Hunter.Valley.Protection.Alliance>

These people have instigated the formation of a large umbrella group. **On 6th November the birth of the NSW Gas Alliance will occur at Broke.** Representatives from all the major anti gas groups will form a coalition and develop strategies to combat the emergence of CSG extraction. It is a great initiative - Caroon Coal Action Group and Mullaley Group Against Gas Pipeline will be there in full force. Others are welcome to join so contact us if you are willing to devote considerable time to stopping this poorly regulated insidious industry and I will direct you to the site to register.

PALA 5. Australian Coalbed Methane P/L has withdrawn its Petroleum Assessment Lease Application over Glasserton near Spring Ridge. We are not sure of the reasons, and although I would like to hope that it is a result of the efforts of the PALA 5 group. However I think that is a result of squabbling between Santos and joint venture partner Australian Coalbed Methane P/L. Santos will still be operating under exploration license and the only real difference is that they will not be in pilot production phase and produce the large amounts of water that is extracted under Pilot Production or extract gas for assessment.

<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/energy-smart/origin-stops-coal-seam-gas-drilling-after-chemicals-found-in-water-20101020-16ud7.html>

Yet more bad news from those poor Queenslanders with contamination being found in coal seam gas wells. Very timely considering that Tony Burke is to announce tomorrow his decision on the Gladstone project. Word is that it will go ahead with many modifications. Hopefully our colleagues in Queensland will erupt if this is the case as they are well aware of the consequences to the Great Artesian Basin. Fingers crossed he may stop the whole ridiculous scenario but the already existing infrastructure in Queensland is huge. Having recently visited Queensland to view first hand the CSG industry last week and enjoyed their wonderful hospitality, they have our undivided support.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/gas-jitters-over-origin-energy-cancer-alert/story-e6f9g8zx-1225941408618> The wonderful Anne Kennedy from the The Great Artesian Basin has sent yet another valuable website while Heath Webb, young farmer and passionate anti-gas campaigner of Tooraweenah sent this:

<http://deathby1000papercuts.com/2010/10/oklahoma-earthquake-5-1-magnitude-quake-activity-related-to-natural-gas-drilling>

<http://ps3beta.com/account/notify> is an innovative site where you can make you own postcard that will be forwarded to pollies etc. It is well worth doing.