

**INQUIRY INTO PERFORMANCE OF THE NSW
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

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The attached document is a report to Santos by CH2m indicating that all 3 produced water coal seam gas ponds in the Pilliga forest were leaking in 2012.

This report was presented to the Uranium Contamination Investigation conducted by EPA in 2013 and is mentioned in the Investigation Report.

It shows that Santos knew they were leaking in May 2012 and only reported the problem according to the EPA Investigation Report on the 26th March 2013. Prior to that, OCSG was in charge of 'policing' coal seam gas. The EPA did not take responsibility for CSG Policing until 28th June 2013.

Something is certainly broken in the regulatory system when Santos can have documents like this that clearly show the CSG ponds were leaking in 2012, yet the EPA reports that there is only a 'suspected leak' in March 2013. The cover up and cosy relationship between the NSW Office of Trade and Investment, Office of Coal Seam Gas, the EPA and Santos is fairly clear."

A lot of questions need answering for the people of NSW who demand effective policing of the environmental, public health and safety legislation (weak as it is) !!!

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