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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I am a resident from Campbelltown and, AGL has been extracting CSG through their Camden Project for several years, mainly in the rural area, there was a strong opposition from the landowners but the government of the time ignored their plea and the CSG operations were approved.

Last year AGL applied to the Department of Planning to operate in the urban part of Campbelltown/Camden affecting 26 suburbs and including the Scenic Hills and Botanic Gardens

AGL has not adequately monitored environmental impacts in its previous stages of the Camden Gas Project, for example the channel 9 news revelation a couple of weeks ago, that it was found that for the last 3 years the levels of Sulphur dioxide was far higher than the allowed levels..

In May 2011 AGL had one of its wells spewing into the atmosphere a mixture of gas and foam at their Menangle plant, which was witnessed and filmed by a crew of channel 10 that it happen to be there doing an story about CSG, the question is how many 'incidents' are happening and nobody but AGL knows about them.

Their operations should be cancelled and their extension proposal stage 3 denied once and for all.

we don't want AGL in the Campbelltown/Camden suburbs, Botanic Garden and Scenic Hills.The risks are too high.