

Questions for September 2018 NCPCCC

1. TO EPA

Looking at the Code of practice for gas well integrity.

Q. Has the Code been up dated as the version on the Departments web page is dated September 2012?

https://www.resourcesandgeoscience.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/516174/Code-of-Practice-for-Coal-Seam-Gas-Well-Integrity.PDF

In the current GISERA report "*Decommissioning coal seam gas wells. S.9.*" there is a section which has the NSW code for Decommissioning gas wells. This code mainly deals with the INSIDE sealing of the well and not the outside. The Report does explain that there are areas of concern in connection with the outside long term cement "sealing" and even goes so far as to show the and explain the areas (something that members of the public have been raising for many years now, but up to date largely ignored)

Q. In the light of the GISERA Report "*Decommissioning coal seam gas wells. S.9.*" will the EPA be recommending changes to the existing Decommissioning code for gas wells, if not why not?

In the recently released GISERA Report "*CSG-induced groundwater impacts in the Pilliga region: data-worth and optimal monitoring strategies*" there is a section recommending improvements to the current water monitoring including what water sampling should be carried out. It must also be pointed out that this report is "Model only" based and based on data provided by Santos in their EIS and other Government agencies both State and Commonwealth.

Q. Has the EPA read this report and does the EPA intend to recommend that changes be made to all aspects of Water Monitoring and that includes both ground and surface waters as suggested in the GISERA Report?

Q.a. Has Santos provided to the EPA a complete soil report on the Irrigation area at Leewood for the year 2017 to 2018, including the pre irrigation soil report?

From information received from the EPA in early 2018, this report was due by August 2018, September 2018 at the latest.

Q ,a.b. When and where will this report be made available to the public?

(I asked this question last week and am still awaiting an answer)

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