



MEDIA RELEASE

AGL FACES ANGER AT AGM

The Scenic Hills Association (SHA) joined other NSW communities affected by AGL's coal seam gas plans to stage a protest *outside* and *inside* AGL's Annual General Meeting held at City Recital Hall, Angel Place Sydney last Tuesday 23rd October.

SHA is objecting to AGL's plans to expand the Camden Gas Project into the Scenic Hills Environmental Protection Area of Campbelltown and adjoining new residential release areas of Camden in South West Sydney Metropolitan Area (Camden Gas Project, Stage 3 Northern Expansion).

"We wanted shareholders to see the dishonesty in AGL's claims that the Camden Gas Project has been 'well accepted' out here and that there is 'no community opposition' to it."

"We also wanted to give them [shareholders] the other side of the story, all the things that AGL is not telling the wider community." (Refer our handout).

Groups attending were:

- Hunter Valley Protection Alliance
- Scenic Hills Association (Camden Gas Project)
- Barrington Gloucester Stroud Preservation Alliance
- Upper Lachlan Environment Association (AGL's Dalton gas fired power station)
- Australian Student Environment Network (supporting ULEA & generally)

"AGL claims 'coexistence' with other land use in these communities¹. Yet it's the disgraceful treatment of communities like ours, the Hunter (Broke & Pokolbin), Gloucester and Dalton (near Yass) by AGL, and by successive NSW Governments that is one of the key things we have in common...and all in the rush to exploit coal seam gas."

Inside the meeting, the AGL Board and executive were heckled by shareholders about its expanding investment in coal seam gas, and faced a barrage of questions. This was reported on ABC TV Lateline Business on Tuesday night, and AAP put out the following that was widely reported in the print media: <http://www.news.com.au/business/companies/agl-pulls-back-because-of-price-cuts/story-fnda1bsz-1226501332959>

¹ See: <http://www.2012annualreport.agk.com.au/upstream-gas.html>

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