

What will you do when the gas drilling rig arrives at your front gate?

OR

WHAT YOU SHOULD INSIST ON IF YOU ARE APPROACHED BY A DRILLING COMPANY OR MINER

1. The holder of an Exploration Licence **MUST** have an access arrangement with the property owner in order to gain access.
2. The mining company **MUST** begin by serving the landholder **WRITTEN** notice of the mining company's intention.
3. This **MUST** be delivered personally to the landowner (not over the phone) and be addressed correctly.
4. This notice **MUST** contain:-
 - i) A detailed plan and description of the area of land to which access is sought, (including the number and location of boreholes), and
 - ii) A **full** description of the prospecting methods to be used.
5. Make sure **ALL** details are **accurate**.
6. **The landholder is under absolutely no obligation at all to sign anything.** This is merely the first contact and a starting point for negotiations.
7. It is recommend that landholders engage a solicitor or experienced negotiator to assist them (or meet in small groups or with neighbours) and for meetings to take place at a neutral location that is not at the landowner's property.
8. **Insist on everything in writing** and keep accurate diary notes of every contact made to/from the mining company plus retain all letters to and from the mining company.
9. If the landholder desires, the mining company can be directed to contact them only through their solicitor or legal advisor.
10. If the drilling is to go ahead ask the company - **Where the 100,000s litres of salt water is to go? How many bores are there likely to be and will your property look like a web of pipes joining bores! What compensation will you receive for potential loss of, or contamination of stock and domestic water and general losses due to damage to your farming operation and for the possible drop in the value of your property?**
11. For further information and assistance come to the next –

Upper Mooki Landcare Meeting

5.30pm Thursday 3 December 2009, Warrah Creek Hall

to be followed by a Barbeque (\$10 per person BYOG (further info. 0429695395)
or if you can't make the meeting

Check on what the exploration access agreement should include; conditions that must be observed during prospecting; and for the NSW Farmers Association series of documents regarding mining exploration access please visit www.ccag.org.au and click on the Coal Seam Gas tab.