

Broke Presentation On-line

The presentation made by Mark Harper, general manager of Sydney Gas to the Broke community last week is now available on-line. There are links to the 27 minute video presentation and the PowerPoint slide on the Sydney Gas website: www.sydneygas.com.

Due to the size of the video file the PowerPoint presentation is difficult to read from the Google video, however you can view the PowerPoint separately on the Sydney Gas website.

We will also be making available copies of the questions and answers session, the entire meeting unedited, transcripts and further follow up information.

Well proximity

Some residents have raised concerns about the proximity of the existing two test wells to the township of Broke, especially the local primary school. We understand that while the test wells have been in the area for several years, gas energy and infrastructure is still relatively new to many people in the local community.

To put the safety of gas into perspective, methane is piped into school canteens across Australia every day to warm lunches. The gas infrastructure can safely be laid underneath playgrounds and into millions of homes.

The gas pressure in many pipelines is actually higher than the gas pressure at a well head. The pressure of gas flowing from a well head is approximately the same as a car tyre.

The closest residence to the gas well is more than 250 metres and the school is approximately 440 metres. The flare, which will be completely enclosed, will be more than 500 metres from the nearest residence and more than 650 meters from the school.

Gas is extremely safe compared to other highly volatile substances such as petrol; but we are familiar with petrol and we are not concerned about filling our cars with it and being in close proximity to it. In fact, the nearest petrol outlet in Broke is surrounded by housing and is only approximately 570 metres from the school.

It is safe to have a petrol station in town, it is safe to have gas networks throughout Australian towns and cities and a gas well is significantly less risk than either of these common scenarios.

Milbrodale property

Today our purchase of a property at 2544 Putty Road, Milbrodale was finalised. We plan to drill three test wells on the property, which will be part of nine test wells in the Broke-Bulga area. To maintain the property as productive rural land we are considering livestock agistment. A couple of further properties are being considered for purchase in the Broke – Bulga region.

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