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NARRABRI GAS PROJECT

Hi,

If each field is considered Low Risk or Very Low Risk. How many Lifetimes will it be before we acknowledge this was the wrong decision to extract a resource instead of leaving it for another Generation? Who may be able, may be Not extract this resource safely. A wise Generation can learn from a previous or current Generation.

If we say we need the resource! Why are we selling this resource to a foreign land to build ships to threaten and invade our Region?

I fear this could be another Ruby Princes or worse! If we contaminate the Aquifers than the Ground Water may be contaminated for a thousand years.

Are the Governments departments regulating this as they do with mining.

If the enterprise declares bankrupts, you simply leave the Government with the problem. Or is it like the Murrey Darling, you simply steel a million dollars worth of water more or less, knowing that if there is a fine it will be very minimal compared to the theft. Is it possible that some day there may be a prison sentence or two?

If you deem each project as safe with minimal chance of pollution. When you look at our world of safety regulations, there should be no fatal accidents in most industries.

Human error like pushing things to the limit reminds me when I was a young man 40 odd years ago, as a scaffolder in Canberra. My employer sent me to a new school being built several stories high and quite long. To start pulling down the brickies scaffolding which we did not erect. He turned up just before lunch not long after I started pulling down the hand rail. His first question was what I had been doing. I said there were only TWO ties left. The Brickies did not replace the rest which made it unsafe to pull down. It took me all morning to make it safe enough to pull down. I was reminded of this a couple of years ago when an innocent young man died on the sight, who was not involved in the scaffolding. Later I was working on the Belconnen mall stage one as a labour / scaffolder when two men died on the sight. One was a plumber working in the basement when a live cable fell to the ground and electrocuted him. The fault was at each light fitting they had wound the electric cable in a loop of five to seven times. The basement was large enough to cause a magnetic field which in turn heated the cables to a temperature that one failed. The other was a form worker doing his job; I do not know how one lands on ones one head.

In my early thirties I went to Coffs Harbour Taff to do a three years Carpentry course. In the final year we were outside and walked past the scaffolding which was used for teaching. I pointed out to the teacher that the ledgers were on top of the putlogs, which is very unsafe as when the scaffold boards sit on the putlogs there is only one spring steel fitting holding it. One fitting tends to slip down each time a sudden force hits it. Two fittings it is locked and safe from impact.

Regards.



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