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The General Manager
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Dear Sir

Matgasco's proposed gas well sites

We are writing to confirm if coal seam gas mining companies, Matgasco and Clarence Morton Resources (Red Sky Energy), have contacted Council in relation to the placement of their gas wells at Glenugie (Matgasco) and the Talma site north of Whiporie (Red Sky).

The current legislation states that a well must be located at least 50m from a permanent improvement – vegetable garden, dam, etc. We assert that the Glenugie drilling point is less than 40m from the Council administered permanent asset, The Avenue, and similarly the Talma site appears to be sited well within 50m of the Summerland Way.

We are aware that Matgasco has a gung-ho track record in regard to ignoring Council's standing, when it closed local roads around Coaldale to undertake seismic testing some 2 years ago.

Yours sincerely

John Edwards
Honorary Secretary
Clarence Environment Centre

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