

# **Report on Metgasco 2012 AGM**

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Sledge and several others from the northern rivers went to Sydney for the Metgasco AGM. We held banners and large laminated signs supplied by Annie Kia, proclaiming CSG as "Risky Business." The Sydney press was alerted by Jacinta Green of CSG-free Sydney, but they didn't show up on the day. She did get an interview on QGB radio. Demonstrators dressed as conservatively as the North Sydney business people (almost!) handed flyers to Metgasco shareholders as they arrived for the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November. CEO and spin artist Peter Henderson arrived surrounded by a cohort of colleagues and looked very surprised and uncomfortable to see us and refused to take the proffered information.

Some investors told us they voted against the proposal to give Henderson nearly a million free shares as "an incentive bonus" because the share price has fallen from more than 50 cents a year ago to less than 20 cents now. The share price in 2008 was more than \$1.20. The Chairman said it wasn't Henderson's fault as the NSW government had held Metgasco up with its moratorium but now it was all go so the meeting reluctantly agreed to give Henderson another 12 months to get it right. Henderson apparently thinks their intended drilling schedule will convince the local community (which voted 87% against CSG mining in local government elections) that Metgasco can be trusted and that CSG is "safe."

On the other hand he admitted that local opposition would cause expensive delays if they try to build a gas pipeline over the Border Ranges into Queensland which would cost at least \$150 M. He suggested that a pipeline to a loading dock offshore from Ballina could be an attractive alternative.

The protestors told anyone who would listen that Northern Rivers people had a long history of protecting the environment and would fight CSG all the way, making Metgasco a very risky investment. The mood among investors was sour with many saying they would hold on for awhile hoping for an increase in share value rather than lose so much by selling now.

Many were surprised to learn that there was so much local opposition, and Sledge says he will complain to ASIC that the share market is not being accurately informed by Metgasco which is required by law to inform investors of any matters which could affect the share price/value.