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To the new NSW Government:

In the wake of Barry O'Farrell's resignation and a new government for NSW, we, the people of NSW need to be heard on the vital issue of gasfield development.

This issue is a vote changer.

You MUST NOT send riot police against the people of all ages peacefully protesting against Metgasco, a small speculative mining company seeking to turn our region into an industrial gasfield.

The politicians and the police are employed by us, the people. We do not deserve mining by martial law!

95% of residents on the North Coast feel betrayed and sold out to Gas mining companies [such as Metgasco] by a State Government which ignores our wishes.

All in the name of short term greed at the expense of massive consequences for future generations who will have to deal with the resultant mess of CSG Gasfields.

The token 'protection measures' put in place by your Government amount to nothing for our farms, land and water.

Your Government has strange priorities.

Last Monday morning at dawn, 3,000 people stood at the Bentley Blockade where *Metgasco* proposes to drill a test bore for unconventional tight sands CSG. Bentley is only 15 km from the centre of Lismore.

Whilst your advisors and spin doctors would paint these people as 'fringe left wing greenie extremists' the reality is this group of people comprised young and old, black and white, people of all political persuasions standing shoulder to shoulder with traditional farmers.

They waited for the Sydney Riot Squad to arrive to turn this into National and International news and the death knell for your Government, but they didn't arrive.

The farmers of Bentley whose families have farmed this land for over 100 years have declared their opposition to CSG drilling, fracking, Gasfields.

It seems the only people who want Gasfields in the Northern Rivers are the Gas mining companies, and your Government.

Your Government has a major problem – against the overwhelming rejection of CSG by our communities your Government supports Metgasco to drill.

People will not allow this to happen and if you do attempt to force it upon the North Coast by using police from Sydney you will lose Government.

The harder you go against our community the greater the damage to your Government.

Do the math's.

You've just lost the Premier.

Continue to force CSG on the North Coast and you will lose Government in the next election.

The only intelligent decision is for your Government to permanently ban CSG in any form in the Northern Rivers.

Yours sincerely,