

DA070/22 - MODDA013/23 - PROPOSED MODIFICATION - GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION WORKS - LOT 103 DP 751651 - LAKE LYELL MAGPIE HOLLOW ROAD SOUTH BOWENFELS NSW 2790

Albeit that the previously approved geotechnical works was granted by Lithgow City Councillors , does this indicate that this modification on DA 070/22 will be rubber stamped or should there be some questions that should be asked by our councillors?

Why is Energy Australia hiding behind a cloak of secrecy under the guise of confidentiality as to the results of the initial Borehole Feasibility Study? Where problems encountered whilst drilling was in operation as noted in the Lithgow Mercury newspaper. A milky White discolouration was noted in Farmers Creek adjacent to the Borehole Operation.

At a drop in meeting with Energy Australia representatives the issue was sidestepped and blame was pointed of a possible problem further upstream possibly in Lithgow itself . Does this indicate blame shifting and maybe our Council should investigate that they are not the culprits or possibly other industry or individuals?

But indication of blame must come from the Borehole Investigation which is consistent with drilling compounds leaking into streams. Energy Australia did admit to losing water and drilling compounds. One hole was even aborted & now EA is seeking this modification to drill a further 13 holes. Conveniently EA will now use a dry drilling method , assuming that no drilling compound & water can be lost and thus not be detected if further problems occur .

NB : Alarm bells must be ringing as to why ! Does Council receive all test results of the drilling, according to EA the results are confidential. This shows a total lack of transparency and accountability back to all of the community. Without proven Feedback will this project be safe or sustainable, let's please take note of the Snowy Hydro 2 which is now BOGGED and may be aborted with hardly any advancement- was this due to lack of complete investigation prior to commencement. Let this not occur in our area , I ask Councillors to think

seriously how they vote on this Modification – ask questions and seek the results of the original DA before passing a modification. This will show confidence in our duly elected Councillors to listen to its voters and support our Lithgow Community

Regards