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Media Release

Groundswell Gloucester celebrates AGL's exit from Coal Seam Gas.

Julie Lyford, Chair of Groundswell Gloucester said: "This is a wonderful victory in the fight to protect our beautiful valley from fossil fuels. The end of CSG in Gloucester will give strength and hope to other communities under threat. We can stand up against these fossil fuel giants and a colluding state government and win. Our story is about ordinary Australians waking up and standing against the injustice of governments ignoring climate change and pushing an outdated fossil fuel industry onto unwilling communities. Many ordinary people are now actively participating in the decisions that impact them and their families."

As communities unite, the tidal wave of change to renewables and climate-friendly energy systems is unstoppable. Groundswell Gloucester thanks the many people across our region, our country and internationally for their strength and support throughout our fight to protect our land, water and future. We will continue to stand in solidarity with Australian families, especially those at Narrabri (Pilliga) and Camden who continue to live under the shadow of CSG pollution and health risks.

Questions still need to be asked about the apparent collusion between governments and CSG companies and the monumental waste of government resources promoting an industry that the majority of Australians don't want. The Baird government's Gas Plan is dead in the water.

Groundswell Gloucester will make a submission to the Senator Glenn Lazarus CSG Inquiry in the hopes that other communities will not face the huge strain of exposing and fighting a system that is heavily weighted in favour of fossil fuel companies.

We ask the state government to ensure there is adequate and prompt remediation at the Waukivory site and long-term monitoring for environmental impacts that may result from AGL's CSG experiment.

"The Gloucester community is diverse, incredibly skilled and passionate. We've put countless hours and massive energy into the fight against CSG. We can now unite and redirect this passion into further developing our sustainable industries and ensuring our long-term social and economic future," said Ms Lyford.

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