



Media Release

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Wyoming Farmer warns Gloucester: unite against CSG

Last Friday (28 February 2014) an audience of nearly 70 took the most of the opportunity to hear the experiences of Wyoming farmer John Fenton as he stopped in Gloucester as part of his "Warning from Wyoming" tour.

Mr Fenton shared how water and air pollution from the gas industry in Pavillion, Wyoming has affected his family and neighbours. He spoke explicitly about the health issues suffered by his family and how they are unable to drink or cook with their water. The family is unable to relocate because their property is now worthless and unsaleable.

The audience asked many questions relating to livestock health and water contamination. Mr Fenton no longer runs livestock on his property due to these health issues.

Whilst there are differences between the USA and Australia in regard to the unconventional gas industry it was clear and disturbing that there are many similarities in regards to fracking, disposal of waste water and political manoeuvring.

An audience member, a professional pilot, offered his services free of charge to take a photographer on an aerial tour of the Gloucester valley so that it can be photographed as it is now, allowing the community to see what is at risk with any extension of mining. As a measure of support, the audience in a matter of minutes crowd-funded over \$1,000 to contribute to costs for the photo shoot. Thanks are extended to all those who contributed.

Mr Fenton's Australian tour was organised and funded by Jeremy Buckingham of The Greens and Lock the Gate Alliance. There were over 700 people at his presentation in Narrabri. The community group Groundswell Gloucester sponsored Mr Fenton's presentation in Gloucester.

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Photo:
L-R Julie Lyford, John Fenton, Leigh Ivin (pilot) with the crowdfunding.