

GILG Web Site Goes Live

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It's my pleasure to announce that the Gladstone Industry Leadership Group web site, www.gilg.com.au, will go live this weekend. I have previously highlighted the importance of transparency, openness and honesty to GILG. The GILG web site is a key tool for BSL, Cement Australia, NRG, QAL and Yarwun to increase their transparency.

Over the coming weeks GILG will progressively release information about our member licences together with plain English explanations of these licences, aerial photographs of our sites which show emission sources, the historical emission levels, environmental performance improvement projects and information about past incidents where emission levels were exceeded.

I have listened to criticism that I didn't fully explain the sources of National Pollutant Inventory (NPI) data, the release of which I publicized in my last Column. To make this data more accessible to the Gladstone community, the GILG team has collated our members' NPI data and has identified the sources of this data. This information is now available on our site.

I have also taken note of the many questions put to me by the Gladstone community and have compiled a list of over 80 Frequently Asked Questions. These and any other new questions will be regularly released on our site in batches of 20 each week.

The web site also has a document library area which GILG will progressively populate with environmental reports, community forum presentations, newsletters, media releases, references and past Columns.

Finally, our site has a moderated blog forum which enables you to comment on discussion topics and the responses from the GILG team. The topics this week will be "How can GILG members increase openness and honesty with the Gladstone community?" and "What can GILG members do to reduce community concerns about the health impacts of industry air emissions?"

If you would like your voice heard, please sign up and join these discussions under the "Forum" button or pose a question or blog topic by clicking on the "Email" button. If you want you can do so anonymously by using a "Hotmail" or other web mail account.

On a personal note, I was recently delighted to accept an offer to become the permanent CEO of GILG and on 14 May 09 I will move into Tannum Sands.

As always I look forward to talking to you, possibly on the beach, cheers, Kurt.



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