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Judicial review update

Metgasco advises that it has received a number of documents from the NSW Government's Office of Coal Seam Gas relating to its decision to suspend the Rosella drilling approval.

The Government has also indicated that additional documents will be provided this week.

The NSW Government had committed to make the documentation used to make its suspension decision available by June 20.

In due course Metgasco will be making submissions to the Court about the adequacy of the material used in making the suspension decision.

Metgasco asked the Supreme Court to set aside the OCSG's decision to suspend drilling of the Rosella well on the grounds that the decision was unlawful because it was not authorised by legislation, and was made without affording Metgasco procedural fairness. Furthermore, the Minister has claimed that he exercised his power to suspend because of Metgasco's alleged failure to engage in community consultation. Metgasco will ask the court to rule that it complied with its community consultation obligations. Consequently, the Minister's power to suspend did not arise.

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