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STATEMENT ON METGASCO DECISION

“The Office of Coal Seam Gas (OCSG) informed Metgasco on 14 May 2014 of its decision to suspend the company’s right to drill at its Rosella site near Bentley, in Northern NSW.

“This decision was on the basis that OCSG believed Metgasco did not comply with its community consultation obligations, which require it to undertake genuine and effective consultation with the community.

“The Government is reviewing the judgment handed down today in the Supreme Court and is awaiting legal advice on its options.

“In the judgment, Justice Button said: *“The dispute raises difficult questions of construction of the Act, and of interpretation of instruments said to have been created pursuant to the Act.”*

“All the issues raised in the judgment will be given careful consideration by the Government.

“This Government will continue to place a high level of importance on community consultation for resources projects.”