

understand the source and guide the development of a retention licence at a future stage," an IER spokesperson said.

"IER is investing heavily in the development of low emissions technologies and systems to transform surface lignite [brown coal] and biomass into high value clean products for domestic and export markets.

"The outcome of these developments will impact future lignite development plans within EL 4416.

"Subject to the results of these exploration and technology development activities, IER and its partners will prepare further plans for discussion with government and the community in due course.

"The licence to develop gasfields and mines has

"I have no in Peter Reith's upcoming reports," Mr Giddy said, "especially when after he attended a session at Mirboo North, where there were a few hundred people, he went on to say there was no opposition to CSG in the area."

Mr Giddy said there was deep mistrust in the community about the undue influence big business had in Mr Reith's report, which is yet to be released.

Speculation over Mr Reith's report coincides with a gas industry campaign, which calls for CSG and unconventional gas fields to be developed to reduce future energy price increases and give certainty to industry, particularly manufacturing.

The Age reported recently that Mr Reith's

nities' concerns is Hunt's ruling to allow a number of New South Wales and Queensland CSG projects to proceed. Forty seven projects will be referred to further federal studies, one will proceed and he has "requested further information" on two other proposals.

The 'water trigger' referral, implemented under the Gillard Government refers cases to be assessed at a federal level under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

"The Abbott Government is not afraid to get on with the job of making decisions to provide certainty for Australian industry and maintain our environmental standards," Mr Hunt said.

Harmers Haven declares it's CSG free

HARMERS Haven will officially declare itself a coal seam gas (CSG) free zone at a special community gathering later this month.

Campaigner Jessica Harrison said locals have door-knocked the hamlet and found 96 per cent of residents surveyed want the area to be CSG-free.

"Harmers Haven is the third locality to declare itself CSG-free in Gippsland, and the first in the Bass Coast Shire," Jessica said.

The other towns include Poowong and

Seaspray.

The community of Kongwak is also working on becoming a CSG-free zone. To celebrate the formal announcement Harmers Haven will have a family day.

There will be a sausage sizzle, live music and face painters for children.

The party will kick off from 12pm on Sunday, October 27 at Olearia Road car park, just off Viminaria Road.

For more information or to RSVP call 0407 307 231 or email csgfreebasscoast@gmail.com.

Inverloch sewerage upgrade

SOUTH Gippsland Water has released a tender for Inverloch reticulation sewer upgrades.

The works will include upgrading 149 metres of 375mm vitrified clay sewer pipe, in addition to upgrading metres of 375mm concrete sewer pipe running under Ramsey Boulevard, Inverloch.

Submissions close 9 October 2012.

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