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Senator LUDLAM: ...I will pick up on one particular example and shine a spotlight on our maybe differing interpretations of public good. You will have seen media reports in recent days disputing the claim that coal seam gas is any cleaner than coal once you include the total leakage from wells, pipes and other equipment. Tim Forcey from the Melbourne Energy Institute at the Uni of Melbourne has been using a forward-looking infrared or FLIR video recorder to directly observe methane leaking out of wells. Are you familiar with that the report, firstly?

ANSWER

Yes.