

Attention: Director, Planning Assessments

Submission of: Jim Morris, 4 Watkin Street Hurlstone park 2193

Submission name: Modification to Queensland-Hunter Gas Pipeline

Application number: SSI 06_0286

I object to the preferred project for the following reasons:

It's everyone's business

I live in Sydney and have had the gas supply disconnected to reduce my reliance on fossil fuels. The pipeline is major infrastructure for an industry that Australia will have less dependence on over the decades. Our times are characterised by disruptive technologies that have in many ways made today unrecognisable to our recent past, and unexpected. We know energy technologies are going to surprise us more in the near to distant future, and it is toward that end our infrastructure planning needs to be focused.

I have no personal connection with communities that would be affected by the pipeline but believe city people have a responsibility to think about where our commodities come from, how they're produced and delivered and the long term and broader impacts.

Negatives outweigh positives

Eighteen months ago I submitted my objection to the Narrabri Gas Project. Santos sees the prospect of a pipeline passing by as a big positive. Poisoned soil and dead bushland that has already occurred from a containment pond, contaminated bushland that has already occurred from Santos' waste water treatment plant, well heads that already leak, adverse health effects of CSG, depletion and pollution of the Great Artesian Basin, fragmentation and poisoning of the Pilliga Forest, uncontrollable fugitive emissions, uncontrollable air pollution from evaporation ponds, heightened risk of bushfire and weed invasion via mine access - all big, big negatives for the Narrabri district, as they are for other districts currently exploited for CSG.

New more pressing priorities

The pipeline proposal is nearing the end of its ten year approval period. Over the decade changes that have occurred in the regions through which the pipeline would pass, in the political climate, and in technological possibilities, they require a five year extension refusal.

Thanks for the opportunity,
Jim Morris