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Submission to the Narrabri Gas Project

Although I no longer live in the area I grew up on a property between Pilliga and Coonamble and therefore understand the importance of artesian water to this region.

I object to this project for the following reasons

1. We do not need this controversial project. Australia has no gas shortage. Governments have failed to secure a domestic gas supply, instead allowing companies to send all our gas overseas.
2. Due to the way coal seam gas is extracted it poses risks to water security and the environment. On the driest continent on earth we can't afford to tamper with water sources, particularly a recharge area of the Great Artesian Basin.
3. Most farmers love and try to care for their land. Compensation money will not replace a once beautiful waterway teeming with life, a tree known by generations or a lifestyle with a productive future.
4. Investment in massive CSG infrastructure will prolong investment and development of renewables.
5. The region around Narrabri is ideal for solar power generation.
6. The Pilliga Forest has been the scene of massive bush fires in the past. Gas flares and fuel stores in the forest will exacerbate the problem, and may cause a catastrophic event.

I urge the NSW Government to reject this project and instead get behind renewable energy projects which will not destroy our soil and our limited water resources for future generations.