

**Swati Sharma - Submission regarding proposed Queensland Hunter Gas Pipeline.**

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We do not support the proposal if the pipeline is to carry coal seam methane gas. We believe this method of obtaining gas creates considerable risks to the environment. The water found with coal seam gas is highly saline and has the potential to contain heavy metals. This waste water poses a huge concern as it has to be stored and cannot be utilised for anything. In areas where aquifers have quality water saline contamination may occur making the underground water unusable.

We do not wish the pipeline to go through our property "Kia-ora". We have an ongoing tree planting programme which would be restricted by the laying of a gas pipeline through our property. Any loss of current trees would also be detrimental and affect the biodiversity value created by improving our property by tree planting and pasture diversity.

The Quipolly Creek (KP591) is on our boundary and this creek has been rated as "highly sensitive" (refer to Environmental Assessment) It has had constant water flows in it this year. Therefore serious consideration would need to be given to the method of pipelaying across this creek if this became the preferred option for the pipeline route.

We cross this creek via a cement causeway and it is imperative we have available access to our property at all times due to essential service employment commitments.(shift work -Nursing at local hospital.)

We believe that Travelling Stock Routes should be utilised if the pipeline is constructed. The NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change cannot determine that TSRs are not utilised to the detriment of the private property owner who has very few rights in these type of issues . Many private properties have high diversity values as well as TSRs. Our local TSR would be worth while considering as it is close to Killara Feedlot who we have been told may wish to tap into any future pipeline for its energy requirements.

We trust you will give some consideration to the above comments,

Thank you,

Nick and Mary Page.