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Blacktown & District Environment Group, Mount Druitt NSW, made the following submission on the project:

[Narrabri Gas Project](#)



Objects to this project

We are disappointed that we have to again explain our opposition to this proposal and similar projects. It is time for a moratorium to be placed on ALL coal seam gas operations. No new developments, no new wells and an accelerated shutting down of existing wells. The Blacktown & District Environment Group purpose is to passionately preserve a sustainable section of the Cumberland Plain Woodland in western Sydney creating an environ for the native flora and fauna of this area.

In reviewing the Pilliga proposal it is clear that similar issues arise:

1. The traditional owners of the land oppose
2. Much of the current local community oppose
3. The threat to the water table and artesian basin with a high consequential risk is being under managed and under mitigated
4. The area is a haven for threatened wildlife and the value of this seems to be undervalued
5. The known issues with coal seam gas extraction; failed bores, leaking methane and poor quality maintenance with consequent failures are being overlooked

All these risks are being weighed up against a short term financial benefit to a few with NO long term benefit to the total society.

As a group we appreciate the industrial need for gas for firing of furnaces and gas cooking of certain foods. But it is clear this gas is planned for the off-shore production of electricity, where gas is NOT required. As a minimum this gas should be declared "not exportable" and used for gas specific purposes which excludes electricity production within Australia.

Overall our group is opposed to this project and believes society should have priority over corporate self interest.