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## **Northern beaches Greens, Avalon NSW, made the following submission on the project:**

### **[Narrabri Gas Project](#)**

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#### **Objects to this project**

Northern Beaches Greens members object for the following reasons:

There needs to be an independent verification of the data provided by Santos. They have produced suspiciously low production costs, along with some wildly optimistic gas prices.

Over 35 billion litres of toxic groundwater to be extracted mostly in the first 5 yrs. This will generate enormous amounts of salt, for which there is no safe disposal plan.

There is no economic analysis of the costs of the water damage. Rural communities across western NSW rely upon the aquifer and there will be a significant diversion of this extremely valuable water from the Great Artesian Basin.

Agriculture and the long term future sustainability of farming will be negatively impacted as the countryside becomes increasingly industrialised and polluted.

The cost of the gas pipeline must be provided and accurately assessed.

The Pilliga Forest will lose 10,000 hectares, thus fragmenting the largest temperate woodland in NSW and the dependent wildlife, particularly koalas.

The unaccountable fugitive emissions of methane from a proposed 850 mines will be adding to climate change. The greenhouse gas cost has been underestimated.

The cultural and spiritual connections of the Gamilaraay Aboriginal community to this place are not being respected.

NSW should be investing in more reliable and ultimately cheaper renewable energy, and must oppose this Santos proposal because their gas mines will inflict unacceptable environmental, social and economic harm.

The Siding Spring Observatory will be affected by light pollution such as gas flares and other lighting, which will ruin the dark night sky needed for the telescope's activity.

Neither Santos nor the state govt have seriously investigated, costed, or acted upon medical reports detailing the damaging health effects of CSG.