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## **North Coast Environment Council, Elands NSW, made the following submission on the project:**

### **Narrabri Gas Project**

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

Our organisation strongly objects to the proposal to develop an industrial gasfield in the Pilliga forest and surrounds.

We support the submissions of Lock The Gate, the Wilderness Society and the local groups on the ground such as People for the Plains.

The community is overwhelmingly opposed to this proposal.

There is sufficient evidence that fracking will damage the stability of the aquifers and in particular the Great Artesian Basin.

This area is a recharge area for the GAB. Contamination by fracking fluids and the movement of contaminated waters between different aquifers could threaten the ability of the GAB to supply water for irrigation and communities into the future.

There is no way to permanently seal a drill site. All pipes decay sooner or later. This will be yet another environmental catastrophe that we bequeath to future generations.

The industrialisation of the landscape will have a detrimental effect on the threatened fauna and flora of the region. Animals such as the Pilliga Mouse and the Koala will be less likely to persist in the landscape.

Most of the traditional owners, the Gomeroi are opposed. They are distraught at the destruction of their sacred sites and traditional lands.