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Yes2Gas, NARRABRI NSW, made the following submission on the project:

Narrabri Gas Project



Supports this project

I am a locally born and bred, proud community member of Narrabri and a mother of 2 young children. I first became aware of Santos, when I was working for a locally owned company. Like many other local contractors, that Santos engaged in business with, the high WHS and Environmental Standards were passed onto local companies, as it was a requirement to obtain a contract. I believe this gave local companies a competitive edge when tendering for other contracts against multi-national companies.

I have seen first-hand, Santos engaging with local contractors and supporting local businesses. This is what is often referred to as "flow-on" effects. Additionally, my trust in Santos was strengthened by the people that worked for them - as the majority were local people that I knew, had worked with at some stage, or went to school with.

Santos has firmly knitted itself into the Narrabri Community. Sponsoring local sporting clubs and not-for-profit organisations. Furthermore, I have seen so much individual participation from the employees, in the community. For example, those employed by Santos, who have relocated to Narrabri for the project have taken on roles within the Narrabri Show Society, local football clubs, local cricket clubs and Lioness organisations to name a few. I believe that it demonstrates that those working for Santos actually care about our community.

Yes2Gas was formed in September 2014 - to represent the massive local support for the Narrabri Gas Project. We believe in the local job opportunities, we believe in the millions of dollars that can be injected into this area from royalties, we believe that our agriculture industry CAN and WILL coexist, we believe that the integrity of water used domestically, for stock and irrigation will be maintained. Overall, we believe in the Science that states that the risks involved with the Narrabri Gas Project can be managed.

The angst that has been created in regards to this debate, is largely at the fault of the regional and national media. On numerous occasions, I have found the media to be one-sided and used to create fear within the community. At times, Yes2Gas was given an opportunity to have our say, however, we were often not given the space or the time that the Anti-CSG debate was given. I can only put this down to, emotions and fiction being a better selling point than facts. One thing I have learnt is the untrustworthy space of Social Media - a world where anything can be said with no

accountability. I have seen those apart of the anti-csg debate glorified on national TV and perceived as victims, to then turn into vindictive personas on social media and attack anyone who has a pro-csg view. If there is a negative social impact to be realised, it has been created by the anti-csg movement and regional and national media - not the Narrabri Gas Project itself.

Narrabri has an exciting future ahead of it. With the current industries of Agriculture, Tourism and Research along with the prospective projects of the Inland Rail, Narrabri Gas Project and Narrabri Solar Farm - it can only mean a prosperous future of our economy and community