

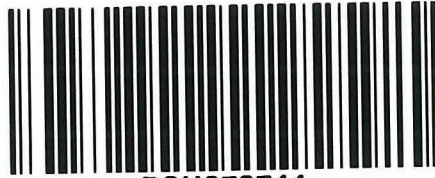


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Dear Mr Kitto

SUBMISSION TO THE NARRABRI GAS PROJECT EIS

Gilgandra Shire Council is making a submission in relation Narrabri Gas Project EIS, based on the following concerns:

- The potential contamination of groundwater and the related issues that may arise in the near and long-term future for the region; and
- Consideration to be given to the potential for light pollution that may affect the night sky, as administered by the "Dark Sky Planning Guideline (Protecting the observing conditions at Siding Spring)" and Gilgandra Local Environmental Plan 2011

The Great Artesian Basin, from which groundwater will be extracted for use in this project, is heavily relied upon by our community in many ways, particularly for use in the agricultural industry. This groundwater reserves cross into many Council boundaries, Gilgandra Shire Council being one. Consideration should be given to all those who may be affected by changes to this aquifer and the impacts to land holders particularly within the Gilgandra Shire Local Government Area.

The community of Gilgandra has declared our shire a gas field free area. The community is committed to stopping gas field industrialisation and aims to protect water, soils and air from the destructive impacts of the gas fields.

Yours faithfully

David Neeves
General Manager