

## Narrabri Lateral Pipeline proposal – submission opposing

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I make this submission from a deep sense of personal connection with the Pilliga. I grew up on Gomeroi country in the 50s and 60s as a privileged white son of a farmer living next to Pilliga. I saw first hand both the beauty of the bush and the terrible treatment of the Gomeroi. I recently met with a Gomeroi auntie who was stolen from her family and raised off country. Despite this, she strongly identifies with the Pilliga. I actually apologised to her for my privilege to grow up on the country she was taken from.

I have loved spending time in the Pilliga both as a child and more recently as an adult, being guided on bird routes by my late uncle David who spent his life there and wrote Bird Routes brochures for the NPWS and Forestry.

I took part in the recent Inland Glossy Black Cockatoo count for NPWS. This bird and other endemic species are under threat from CSG operations in the Pilliga.

Santos' presence in the Pilliga is a national crime.

They must not be allowed to continue to despoil this unique piece of Australian bush and further alienate the Gomeroi from their country.

The Narrabri Lateral Pipeline proposal itself creates further destruction, but is an enabling project for the proposed 850 gas wells that will wreak havoc on the bush, creating further fragmentation, risking water security and all the other environmental disasters this project presents.

Australia won't benefit from another gas project. Santos will. We don't need this project for domestic gas supplies. We should be making whatever meagre gas reservation needs we have from existing supplies. I personally am ridding my life of gas appliances and making my home and transport all electric, powered by my own solar.

As a nation we need to be promoting investment in renewable energy and showing leadership by not permitting new fossil fuel extraction with its concomitant environmental damage.

Please take notice of mine and many other submissions that don't want this to happen.

Yours sincerely  
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