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Objection to Narrabri Lateral Pipeline

The Narrabri Lateral Pipeline should be assessed as a whole project with Narrabri Gas Field and the Hunter Pipeline. The cumulative impact of these connected projects is significant and should be considered in their entirety.

The cumulative impacts of increased greenhouse gas emissions from the gas field plus proposed delivery systems, including fugitive methane emissions, has not been adequately assessed or costed as a public disbenefit.

The cumulative loss of significant cultural heritage values, farmland, high conservation value habitat and disturbance to waterways has not been assessed.

This piecemeal approach to fossil fuel industry expansion is a poor planning process with many negative outcomes for the community, environment and economy. The social impacts of the entire project are significant and have not been assessed or mitigated.

The Narrabri Lateral Pipeline proposal is attached to the Hunter Pipeline that has not even commenced construction yet. There is no justification for this application to be determined until such time as the other aspects of the entire Santos gas project have been resolved.

I do not support any expansion of the fossil fuel industry in NSW because the state is already behind in meeting the legal targets set under the Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act 2023. The cost of extreme weather events to the NSW Government is already significant and getting worse.

This proposed Narrabri Lateral Pipeline cannot be justified and should be refused.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Smiles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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