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Submission of Objection
Narrabri Lateral Pipeline: SSI-53307723

Central West Environment Council (CWEC) is an umbrella organization representing conservation groups and individuals in central west NSW working to protect the local environment for future generations.

CWEC strongly objects to the proposed Narrabri Lateral Pipeline ('the pipeline') because it gives effect to the Santos Pilliga Gas Project, predicted to be the sixth largest greenhouse gas (GHG) producer in NSW.

Climate change is an existential threat to lives and livelihoods across the globe, including in NSW and the Central West. The cumulative impact of the gasfield and Hunter pipeline project has not been assessed in regard to GHG emissions across the entire connected project.

The economic costs of this cumulative impact have not been assessed.

It is pre-emptive to propose a lateral pipeline to the Hunter pipeline that does not have a finalized easement through private property and cannot be commenced.

The pipeline will have significant impact on Gomeroi traditional owners cultural heritage and connection to landscape. It will also impact on highly productive farmland on the Liverpool Plains and on high conservation value habitat in the Pilliga Forest. These impacts on irreplaceable community assets cannot be offset.

Santos is the direct cause of the high gas prices in Australia pushing up electricity costs and contributing to the cost of living crisis and inflation. This company is not a fit and proper entity to be awarded access to public resources.

CWEC considers the pipeline to be an inappropriate development that should not have been granted State Significant Infrastructure status.

There is no reasonable or justifiable rationale to approve expansion of the fossil fuel industry in NSW.

The pipeline application must be rejected.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'N.C. King', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nick King
President