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Narrabri Lateral Pipeline

I wish to submit my opposition to the Narrabri pipeline project which I believe will have an adverse impact on this unique intact native forest and adjoining farmlands in both the construction of the pipeline.

This area is of special significance in our future need for protecting our biodiversity and for Australia to uphold its commitment to transitioning away from fossil fuels.

The construction of the NLP will impact on this area that is a recharge zone for the Great Artesian Basin, which is one of the largest groundwater sources in the world.

This proposal to create a pipeline from Narrabri to the Hunter valley NSW poses unacceptable risks to the Great Artesian Basin recharge zone and both surface and groundwater during construction and operation.

The pipeline will be trenched under the ironstone ridges. The environment impact statement provides scant detail of this process and its impact on this geologically significant sandstone layering which act as a filtering system from rainwater down through the sandstone layers way down to the GAB.

Biodiversity is a key issue going forward for Australia's environmental protection policies along with moving forward to our commitment to curbing our greenhouse gas emissions.

There are many endangered species such as the Swift Parrot, Glossy black cockatoo and Koala which have already been impacted in unknown numbers by Whitehaven Coal which operates the Narrabri underground coalmine in close proximity to the proposed pipeline route.

Here also is a list of critical flora that are within the project area.

Creeping Malvaceae
Soft Aotus
Coolabah Bertya
Conic Umbrella Sedge
Bluegrass
Finger Panic Grass
Painted Diuris: Pine Donkey Orchid
Round Leaf Goodenia
Spiny Peppercross
Large Leaved Menotaxis
Native Milkwort
Scant Pomaderris
Cobar Rustyhood: Cobar Greenhood Orchid
Slender Darling Pea
Austral Toad Flax
Slender Tylophora

The Santos Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) cites the economic benefit of the Narrabri gasfield & Hunter gas pipeline. However it does not consider the full negative economic impact of the greenhouse gas emissions from the gasfield and the proposed pipeline.

Narrabri is also suffering currently suffering a water shortage which will be further exacerbated with the construction of the pipeline.

The Pilliga forest, GBA and adjacent rich fertile farmland need to be protected from potentially gravely harmful impacts generated from the Narrabri Lateral Pipeline. I wish to protest strongly against the construction of this project.

Yours Sincerely
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