

Attn: Executive Director, Resource Assessments,  
Department of Planning and Environment,  
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11/4/ 2017

Dear Madam/ Sir,

**This is a submission in relation to the Santos Narrabri Gas EIS.**

*I object to this project and recommend that it be rejected.*



I am a refugee from the coal based fossil fuel industry where I saw first hand elsewhere the damage it does to the local environment.

I am a grandparent and one of my greatest moments was the joy on our grandchildren's faces as they experienced the flora and fauna of the Pilliga forest before the damage done to the area by the early Santos coal seam gas projects.

I am a medical practitioner and know of the continuing damage to personal health caused by the extraction of coal seam gas in other parts of Australia.

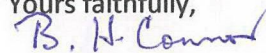
I have been working in the area of sustainability for many years and know that dependence on non-renewal energy is not an appropriate way forward for the Australian community. Lack of appropriate regulation in this area does not legitimize environmental destruction.

I am a world citizen and am concerned about our planetary future. This relates, in particular, to the ability to feed ourselves and the maintenance of clean water supplies. We know that the methane released during coal seam gas production- particularly in relation to fugitive emissions- will contribute disproportionately to global warming. Salt contamination of the Murray Darling river system and alteration of the water table due to CSG extraction will cause needless and inevitable environmental damage for the foreseeable future and beyond.

As an Australian I am concerned about our heritage and believe that the Santos Narrabri project will cause unnecessary disruption – in terms of noise and air quality- to a world previously preserved by the Aboriginal inhabitants of our land. There has been a spirituality of conservation which requires great respect in terms of significance of place. This does not include desecration by the mining industry.

We have a narrative of conservation in north-west New South Wales and we should respect that tradition by rejecting any suggestions that this is an appropriate place for coal seam gas extraction.

Yours faithfully,



B.H. Connor AM

