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16th March, 2017.

Dear Carolyn McNally,

Please note that the enclosed is a personal submission opposing the EIS submitted by the company SANTOS to explore and implement coal seam gas reserves in the Pilliga environmental region, close to the town of Coonabarabran, New South Wales.

I am in total opposition to this project and reject Santos' EIS in all aspects.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) Anne Dilleri.

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Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.

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SUBMISSION TO REJECT SANTOS' EIS.

My submission to the relevant planning department (EIS) gives reasons for my present and continued opposition to SANTOS' proposal to open up huge and environmentally damaging coal seam gas operations in the environmentally sensitive and important region of NSW, known as the PILLIGA.

SANTOS has submitted a ridiculously and incorrect, complex and overlong document (!!) over 6000 pages long, purportedly supporting their proposal to "sensitively" extract coal seam gas. This will damage this environmentally sensitive area irrevocably.

The Pilliga remains virtually environmentally intact (except for drilling) with forests of cypress, eucalypt and other native trees which support healthy and large populations of native animals, birds, reptiles and invertebrates. Probably the most concern must be for the local Koala population, if their habitat is decimated. The environment supporting these animals would inevitably be decimated if C.S.G. mining is implemented in the Pilliga environment. This proposal by SANTOS is, by definition huge, insensitive, and permanently damaging. Not only to the environment which is the forest, but under, too, as the town of COONABARRABRI and agricultural areas will be affected negatively and permanently, with the population of COONABARRABRI, vehemently opposed.

SANTOS has an extremely poor record of protecting the environment, it sends much of its profits (from Australia's environment) overseas, a poor environmental citizen, you must agree.

Governments must take the blame also for giving SANTOS permission to damage other sensitive areas and must therefore think long and hard about any authority to allow CSG expansion in such areas as the Pilliga, an environment which must be protected at all costs.

So, we can expect the NSW Government to stand by their promise to deny permits to any more C.S.G. projects, especially ones as large as this one, so potentially damaging, to the region - and the people.

The Pilliga is a unique and amazing ecosystem which needs protection in order to maintain the health, well being and the future populations of potential native populations, and in the environment - forests and grassland on which they depend.

In fact, I demand that you, the government of N.S.W. refuse any sort of permission to SANTOS' proposal for this huge, invasive project in the PILLIGA ecosystem of NSW, New or ever.

Rene Dillon.

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