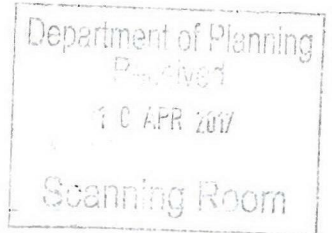


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To, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

DEAR SIR,



As a fourth generation farmer and grazier in this area and after being contacted by APA (without any authority to do so) on 7-3-2017 to tell us our properties will be crossed by the CSG pipeline from the Narrabri gas fields, I draw your attention to the following.

The various governments have spent a small fortune in capping and piping bores located over the Great Artesian Basin to provide clean and secure water supplies for domestic and livestock use. As a result of this bore pressures and levels have risen. I can show you a bore on our property where for the first time in seventy years the level has risen some twenty-five feet. Despite this you are being asked to approve 850 drill holes through these aquifers and blocking off these flows where the drilling takes place. I know of a plumber who had to remove fifteen tonnes of contaminated soil to do a repair. If these pipelines are so safe why do signs displaying hazardous material along these routes. When we sell livestock we are asked to sign a Vendor Declaration form to show our livestock are free of any chemical residue for domestic and overseas sales. We know from experience that these pipelines fail, killing grasses and any trees and making the soil sterile for ever. Imagine the legal action if livestock and human beings are in turn affected



BY THIS CONTAMINATION.

ANOTHER VALID REASON FOR OUR OBJECTION IS THE SPREAD OF WEEDS. DUE TO THE TOTAL NEGLECT OF THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT BODIES SUCH AS LOCAL LAND SERVICES, VARIOUS SHIRE COUNCILS AND CASTLEBROUGH MACQUARIE WEEDS SUCH AS MESQUITE, TIGER PEAR, AFRICAN BOXTHORN TREE PEAR, PATRICKLY PEAR, NOOBOORA BURN, SPINY BURN GRASS ETC ON TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, WILL NO DOUBT BE SPREAD BY THE NUMBERS OF MOVEMENTS IN CONSTRUCTION ONTO CLEAN AND WEED-FREE COUNTRY. PROTOCOLS PUT IN PLACE TO PREVENT THIS DO NOT WORK AS YOU RELY ON THE HUMAN ELEMENT WHICH YOU CANNOT TRUST. I CAN SHOW YOU AN EXAMPLE OF THIS WITH THE WALBOTT SHIRE WITH THE SPREAD OF BLUE HELIOTROPIS BY SHIRE GRADERS BECAUSE THEY WILL NOT CLEAN THEIR GRADERS DOWN.

FINALLY, I ASK YOU AS A FATHER OF YOUNG CHILDREN WOULD YOU ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO DRINK WATER FROM CSG AFFECTED BORES AND PLAY IN CONTAMINATED SOIL (REFER QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT WEBSITE) WHICH WE KNOW OCCURS. WOULD YOU ASK THEM TO EAT LAMB, AND PORK, BEEF AND CHICKEN FROM AREAS AT RISK.

THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE ASKING US TO DO.

THANKING YOU  
R. McAlamy



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Address: "WILGA PARK"

Date: COONAMBLE 2.8.2.9 N.S.W.  
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Attn: Executive Director, Resource Assessments  
Department of Planning and Environment  
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This is a submission to the Narrabri Gas EIS.

I object to this Narrabri Gas Project and I believe it should be rejected.

I INTEND TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION OVER THE GREASED OF WEEDS  
SUCH AS MESQUITE, TILGA PEAR, AFRICAN BOXTHORN, TREE PEAR,  
PRICKLY PEAR, SPINY BURR GRASS FROM LOCAL LAND SERVICES, T.S.R.3  
AND PRIVATE PROPERTY ONTO OUR PROPERTIES WHICH ARE LOCATED  
ALONG THE PROPOSED PIPE-LINE. YOU CANNOT TRUST THESE ORGANISATIONS  
TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AS I CAN SHOW YOU EXAMPLES TO PROVE MY  
POINT.

- It will extract over 35 billion litres of toxic groundwater, much of it in the first five years. This water will be treated and in the early years will generate tens of thousands of tonnes of salt, for which there is no safe disposal plan.
- It will clear close to 1,000 hectares of the Pilliga Forest, fragmenting the largest temperate woodland in New South Wales, home to unique wildlife.
- It will cause significant diversion of water from a recharge aquifer of the Great Artesian Basin, which is a water resource relied upon by rural communities across western NSW.
- It will lead to large deliberate and fugitive emissions of methane, adding to climate change.
- It will cause more trauma to the regional Aboriginal community because the area of impact is crucially important to the spiritual, cultural and social life of Gamilaraay people.
- It is not justified: Santos' own coal seam gas export activities in Queensland have caused gas prices to rise and supply to become unpredictable. NSW should respond to this by investing in more reliable and ultimately cheaper renewable energy, not by letting Santos inflict more environmental, social and economic harm.
- It will cause economic upheaval in Narrabri and put agricultural industries at risk, as well as causing light pollution that will ruin the dark night sky needed by the internationally renowned Siding Spring Observatory.
- Coal seam gas is harmful to health. Neither the NSW Government nor Santos have investigated or dealt with the serious health effects of coal seam gas now appearing in peer-reviewed research in the United States.

I urge the Government to reject this NGP project and make the Great Artesian Basin recharge off-limits to gas mining.

Signed: R McAlary