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**Submission to the Narrabri Gas Project**

I grew up on a property near Warialda and understand the importance of water to a farming community.

I object to this project for the following reasons

1. Australians have a right to live and work in an environment with good water, soil, food and air quality.
2. These basic rights must not be sacrificed for the sake of promised jobs, government revenue and gas. Alternatives are available.
3. Coal seam gas has proved to be an industry that pollutes water, soil and air. Water and soil pollution has already occurred at the Narrabri Gas Project. Air pollution is affecting children's health in the more advanced gas fields in Queensland and around Camden.
4. The disposal of large amounts of produced water containing salts and other toxic waste is not fully disclosed in the EIS. Salt in landfill will eventually contaminate the surrounding soil. As the location of the landfill is not disclosed, people nearby, and particularly downstream, remain unaware of it and therefore will not object.
5. Food for human consumption should not be produced in contaminated water and soil. Australia has the potential to produce food for 100s if not thousands of years. Why risk surrounding land that produces quality meat and crops?
6. The promised new short term jobs will only replace the long term jobs in agriculture and tourism lost because of this industry.

I urge the NSW Government to reject this project and instead encourage renewable energy projects which will not destroy our water, soil and air.

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