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This is a submission to the Narrabri Gas Project EIS.

I object to this project and believe it should be rejected.

- The huge amounts of extracted groundwater needed will have an impact on the aquifers in the Great Artesian Basin. This draw down will effect water necessary for our extremely important agricultural and community needs. Many inland towns and cities rely on groundwater for survival.
- The high possiblity of pollution caused by chemical use in the wells and pumped into holding ponds can effect our groundwater, waterways and our wildlife. If the waterways are polluted by pond leakage and flooding from heavy rainfall this would cause irreparable damage, not only to the immediate areas but much further down stream. This leakage and pollution has already been an issue with this project. Birds, bees and other animals risk being poisoned if able to drink from these ponds.
- The tens of thousands of tonnes of salt generated from this project will need to be disposed of and this also can cause major issues to surrounding areas. Wrapping in plastic and burying it is not satifactory in the long term.
- The flaring which is occuring and will continue to occur is extremely dangerous in bushfire prone areas. We have very strong laws on fire restrictions and have experienced massive fire events in bushland and farmland yet this practice is still happening risking the lives and livelihoods of many people.
- CSG is harmful to our health. What price is life. The health of the community should be the Governments main priority. We have seen reports from various places in Australia and overseas where people are getting extremely ill when they live near CSG projects.

I believe the points I have put forward are valid reasons for the Government to reject this project. In my opinion there is too many ways this project can cause extremely detrimental damage. Massive damage can occur solely from human error **and there are no guarantees it won't, as it has in the past.** Peoples lives and livelihoods and their massive contribution to the economy should take first consideration.

Signed.

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