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This is a submission to the Narrabri/Santos Coal Seam Gas EIS.

I strongly OBJECT to this project and believe that it should be rejected.

\*First of all there is no gas shortage it is the making of the Gas companies own doing, greed and arrogance by over developing infrastructure at Gladstone, by selling more gas than they had.

\* Santos does not have community acceptance, what little they do have is from buying acceptance thru sporting clubs (donations) they have spent in excess of 5 million dollars with this campaign. Santos has a very slick well developed program that they follow to divide the community and win supporters, a system used and developed in America, give the community a few trinkets and beads, give a few jobs to the Indians, divide the community then Rape and Pillage (the country for the riches it can give) very simple and effective.

Santos has succeeded in dividing Narrabri, on one hand you have the Supporters who are the few people and their families (eg sons, parents and grandparents that work for Santos) the sporting clubs that receive large amounts of money from Santos (blood money). Then you have the spruiker for Santos that attend every function in town voicing the Santos way, then you have the people that either rent, hire or provide a service to Santos for financial gain.

In the middle there is a large number of fence sitters that don't have an opinion even after years of listening.

\*On the other side of the fence you have the people that have seen the destruction of farmland overseas the loss and or contamination of groundwater the divided communities the loss of sense of belonging.

\*More than 96% by Poll of farmers in the Narrabri, Gunnedah, Moree, Coonabraban, and Coonamble Shires don't want anything to do with CSG these are the people that will be most affected by this non sustainable industry.

\*Santos never tells the full story, all though they rarely tell a lie, eg for years 850 wells was the number to be drilled, now in the EIS it is 890. 60 to 120 permanent jobs which is much lower with only 25/40 in Narrabri. 1200 jobs during construction almost all will be in workers camp in the Pilliga, all fly in fly out workers not one dollar will be spent in Narrabri, these are some of the twisting of truths we have been listening to for years.

This EIS is for stage one of many stages, Santos used to talk about the other stages but not now, too much community backlash, once stage one is approved Santos will sneak thru more stages with stealth.

\*Santos says it does not intend to frack that means NOTHING it leaves the door open to frack and no doubt will towards the end of the life of each well as one politician said to get every last molecule of gas out of the ground. If Santos does not frack the next operator probably will, when Santos is finished with the project and on sells for \$1. Santos is absolved of all responsibilities of the infrastructure and mess of the project that is left behind.

\*What is going to happen to the CSG produced water, up to 40 billion litres most of it in the first 10 years of the project, in the EIS the sprinkler irrigation system will be removed to make way for further expansion, in the EIS some the produced water is going to be released into the Bohena Creek at high flow, but the high flow is 5 measured kilometres away from the dump point, the dump point can be dry with no rain fall at that point in the forest, there is at least 2 creeks that run into Bohena creek after the dump point and where the flow is measured ; what a disaster if this happens.

\*What will happen to the 115 tonnes of salt per day that is going to be produced , This figure is not correct, it is based on being 30% as salty as sea water in actual fact Santos says in their EIS it can be as high as 50% as salty so the figure goes to 170 tonnes per day. Santos says they will sell it to industry for manufacturing, dream on Santos, what about the other 2000 tonnes or more produced in Queensland per day, will our Shire recycling centre be expected to take it, at whose expense and who is going to look after the salt pit for the next millennium without contaminating the groundwater.

\* Santos says that the water table in the Gunnedah Oxley Basin WILL be heavily impacted, how can this be allowed, and that drawdowns in the Namoi aluvium can be managed, HOW and who are going to be the losers. Every time it is the small people that get hurt while the FAT CATS in the company get bonuses and politicians get jobs in these mining companies after leaving politics. THESE ARE THE FACTS AND WILL HAPPEN.

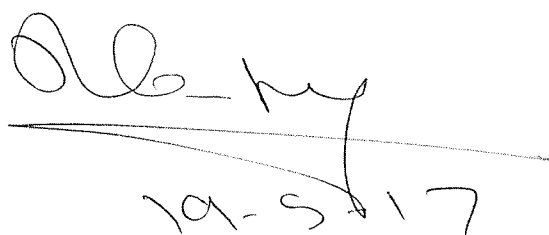
\*The Government has over the last few years very cleverly capped and piped a lot of artesian bores in the centre of NSW, the reason is clear now, it is stealth and deceit of these programmes and the reasons come out years later, so that when Santos dewateres the coal seam there will be more water above the seam and that the measurable drawdown will take longer to recognise, by the time the gravity of the situation is realised Santos will be gone.

\* Santos has already managed to completely destroy two perched water aquifers and badly contaminated a third by Radio active poisoning, due to leaking brine ponds, at one stage Santos was trying to dewater the top aquifer but gave up.

\*Santos was very smart in convincing the Government to put putting the new base line water monitoring wells in the most heavily fracked area of the Pilliga, this will then give baseline water samples very high in contaminants ideal for Santos in the future when monitoring other well sites.

\* The community benefit fund is another dream Santos is trying to propergate, years ago it was going to be 250 million dollars over the life of the project, this is now 125 million of which the State government will put in half and the money will not necessarily stay in the North West, first of all the Government will not be putting in half, second the money will go into Government coffers and be handed out statewide. So as it boils down Santos MAY put in 65 million of which very little will be seen in Narrabri.

\*THESE ARE SOME OF THE REASONS I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS PROJECT.

  
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