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To: the NSW Department of Planning and Environment

Submission to the Narrabri Gas EIS

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

In my professional and personal opinion the volume of negative environmental, health and economic impacts associated with this project, pose such a high risk that it should be rejected.

Environmental

- The extraction of over 35 billion litres of groundwater. Is this appropriate use of one of our most precious resources? Fresh water is more important than gas.
- No one will be able to predict the full extent of the impact from removal of this water on the Great Artesian Basin.
- Tens of thousands of tonnes of salt needs to be disposed of.
- The amount and types of chemicals to be used during operations.
- Clearing almost 1,000 hectares of the Pilliga, the largest temperate woodland in New South Wales.

Health

- Peer-reviewed research in the United States has indicated there are serious health impacts as a result of Coal Seam Gas operations. These effects have not been investigated enough and should be, before allowing projects such as the Narrabri Project to go ahead.

Economic

- This project is not justified: Santos's own CSG export activities in Queensland have caused gas prices to rise and supply to become unpredictable. New South Wales should be investing more in reliable and ultimately cheaper renewable energy. Renewable energy is a long term energy source not just a 20 year project.
- Light pollution will impact on the dark required by the Siding Spring Observatory.

I urge the Government to reject this project.

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