

Contrary to this statement, a recent poll by the local community of the broader Narrabri community found that the greatest support for the Narrabri Gas Project was a maximum of only 7% of people. This can hardly be called "a strong level of support" The Narrabri gas project is not wanted by 93% of people.

The Executive Summary states,

"Without developing gas of its own, NSW has no ability to manage its own energy supply security in a changing energy market"

However the current gas supply security crisis and changing market has been deliberately created by Santos itself by purposefully diverting gas that was previously supplied to NSW, toward supplying the export market. Santos does not care about energy supply security in NSW.

There is no reason why Santos could not divert the gas from the Narrabri gas project to the export market if it were to be more profitable. The fact is, there is no security working with Santos.

Santos has manufactured this crisis and are now creating pressure on the NSW Government to approve the Narrabri Gas Project that the NSW community does not want. Santos is not working with the Australian community in mind, it is working for the export market and its own profitability. Any Government office Supporting Santos over the NSW community will be committing treason, supporting a foreign interest over the wishes of the people of Australia.

Another statement from the executive summary,

"Should the project not proceed, and if a feasible alternative to current gas supply is not found in the short term, there is a risk that jobs may be lost, large industrial gas users may close and there may be gas shortages."

Once again Santos is fully aware of this potential problem and has uncaringly diverted gas away from NSW to the export market, supporting international industry over Australian industry. They have over committed to their export contracts and now expect the Narrabri community to pay for their mismanagement and greed.

With the environmental impact statement being overly positive, and with the fast construction of the initial wells over the first 3 to 4 years. I am concerned that by the time the negative environmental impacts are recorded, it will be too late to discontinue or reverse the environmental damage.

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

Sincerely,



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