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5.5.2017

Dear Sir,

This is a submission in response to the 7,000 page Narrabri Gas Environmental Impact Statement presented by Santos a few weeks ago.

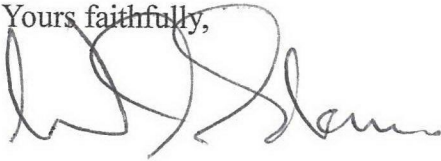
I object to this project and believe it should be rejected for the following reasons:-

1. The proposal to sink 850 gas wells in the first stage of Santos' plan to extract gas from the Pilliga State Forest in N.S.W. will extract over 35 billion litres of toxic groundwater from which approximately tens of thousands of tonnes of salt will be a waste product. As yet, Santos has no safe disposal plan for this huge amount of salt.
2. In clearing 1,000 hectares of the Pilliga State Forest to make way for the proposed 850 wells, a vital environmental asset will be damaged thus effecting the temperate weather patterns in the area. Clearing will cause a significant diversion of water from a recharge aquifer of the Great Artesian Basin, a water source relied upon by rural communities in Queensland and northern N.S.W.
3. It is not apparent that well integrity has improved with a percentage of wells still leaking toxic matter and the life of well casings being probably only 30 years maximum. This leads to problems with land, water and air pollution.
4. If naked flames are bursting forth from well heads, how safe is the remaining forest from fire? Our brave volunteer Fire fighters are unlikely to attend such outbreaks and who would blame them.
5. The risk analysis for this project is only over the next 25 years. After that, the risk will be on the public and cannot be calculated. Insurance companies are not willing to offer insurance to land holders with gas wells on their land.....this is not a good indicator for the longevity or safety of this industry.
6. This project would incur so many restrictions to land use not to mention the damage it can cause, particularly with the cumulative effect of so many proposed well sites as per Santos' map for future areas to be developed.

It would help if you, the Government, listened to many of the people of N.S.W., the majority of whom are not happy with this industry particularly when it occurs in productive agricultural areas.

Ninety six percent of landholders over three million hectares in northern N.S.W object to this industry due to its damaging impact on the land, on our limited underground water, our air quality and our communities.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W.G. Adams', written in a cursive style.

W.G. ADAMS.

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