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This is a submission to the Narrabri Has EIS.

We object to this project and to some of the assumptions of the EIS,

The EIS assumes that water levels of the underground water will drop only half a metre. A projected 35 billion litres of groundwater with 850 bores is a massive undertaking. No one knows exactly how much this will effect the existing artesian and sub artesian water supplies. The EIS goes to great lengths of how they will go to protect the workers on the drilling rigs but no mention is made of the possible contamination of the existing water from toxins from coal seams and drilling chemicals. All bores casings fail eventually and leaking and admixtures could occur at these great depths and pressures.

The pastoral industry in this part of the state is very dependent on artesian and sub artesian water, particularly in times of drought. Are we going to possibly sacrifice an industry that has been going for over 150 years for a "flash in the pan" industry that has a projected life span of 20-30 years after which Santos can walk away and leave us with depleted and contaminated underground water.

In the EIS Santos claimed to have interviewed 5 landholders all of whom were allegedly in favour of CSG which implied that most landholders were in favour of CSG. In reality over 90% of landholders were not in favour of CSG. This means that Santos was blatantly lying by omission which means how can we really believe all that is in the EIS.

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