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This is a submission to the Narrabri Gas Project EIS.

I believe that this project should be rejected.

I am a farmer in the Gilgandra region and I am extremely concerned about the detrimental effect that this Project will have on our precious water resource. Wells being put into and through our groundwater aquifers cannot possibly be done without some problems developing. This proposed Gas Project is above the most important water source in the world and it should not be put at threat. The Great Artesian Basin should not be tampered with.

Chemically effected water will be pumped into ponds which we are told have been built to cope with any large rain event so there would be no chance of overflow or pollution. I don't believe that it is possible to predict these weather events with such surety. If it was possible to predict this, no harm would come to anyone due to torential storm events. Last year our rainfall doubled our average annual predictions and neither roads, paddocks nor dams could cope without severe overflow and washout. These chemicals would be flowing into our waterways and causing extreme environmental damage.

I have seen no acceptable measures being put forward to deal with the disposal of salt and other toxic residues which will be a major issue to surrounding areas and will definitely need to be addressed.

I have recently read some pamphlets from Santos which promote the Gasfield and the EIS, one of which states that "the Project can proceed safely with minimal and manageable risk to the environment".

- 1.a} I would like to know how much is minimal?*
- b} Minimal in comparison to what?*
- 2. If it is manageable then why does it need to happen in the first instance?*

Our very sustainable existence should be the highest of priorities when making decisions about this Gasfield Project. Our families' health and future in the long term is far more important than taking risks with an unconventional industry that for the short term has not been acceptably proven to be guaranteed safe to the community, the environment and of course our water.

Please allow common sense to help you finalise this decision and reject this project.

Signed.



