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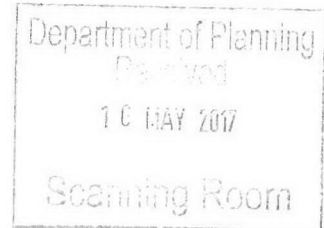
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This is a submission to the Narrabri Gas Project EIS.

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

As a beekeeper, I can state unequivocally that the toxin in surface water from CSC mining WILL be a source of poison in honey produced by bees; hives need large quantities of water for survival in hot weather. It is stored in the hives and evaporated by bees fanning with their wings to cool the hive. Apart from poisoning the bees! The Pilliga forest will no longer be safe for bees or people eating their honey.

As an organic gardener I am entirely dependant on my bore water for fruit, vegetables vines and herbs. It is at present of good quality. Experience of other countries, especially the U.S.A, shows that groundwater is severely affected by poisons from the coal gas and from the fracking process.

The bottom line for the mining companies is profit for shareholders. The past record for them in Australia shows a complete disregard for the health of our land.

Gilgandra is completely dependant on groundwater for survival. Poisonous or ~~po~~ unreliable, this town would not be here. The inland parts of Australia could not support people and farming, let alone animals, birds and flora.

We are already subject to salination of groundwater in many areas. The salt ~~and~~ from these projects will only exacerbate the ~~problem~~ problem.

The Great Artesian basin extends into the far west of NSW. The mound springs there used by stock and wild animals may

Signed.

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will be affected adversely or even cease to flow if mining is permitted.

This point will probably be considered irrelevant, but for years now gas has been exported overseas in huge quantities. We are now being told that there is a shortage and we can expect power failure. These scare tactics seem to be designed to persuade people that we need CSG mining to be expanded. Think about it please!!

The Pilliga nature reserve has attracted visitors for many years. Surrounded by "hubs" like those at Roma it will lose bio-diversity and because birds, animals and flora will not receive genes from any other area.

Droughts will be longer and hotter in the future even if emissions targets are reached in time to slow climate change. Surface and groundwater levels could drop, and the results of disruption and destruction in the geological rock formations which are water-bearing cannot be foreseen, no matter what assurances mining companies are prepared to give.

Like the Barrier Reef Marine Park no fishing areas, this is a place where wild life can breed and increase in numbers. There is nothing comparable in N.S.W. and we cannot afford to have large areas rendered sterile by clearing.

Farming is the principal occupation of the people who live in the Central and North West of N.S.W. Food production doesn't happen without clean water. Our exports of grain and cattle would be in jeopardy if groundwater is unsalable.

Indigenous communities here have strong ties to this area, and ~~there~~ the impact on them will be considerable if this goes ahead. People living here are third and fourth generation Australians or more. They too have a strong connection. We love our "opal-hearted country" too much to hand it over to big business to do as they please with.

"An opal-hearted country,
A wilful, lavish land.
All you who have not loved her -
You will not understand."

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