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THIS IS A SUBMISSION TO THE NARRABRI GAS PROJECTS EIS

I object to the Narrabri Gas Project and believe it should be rejected:-

- First and foremost is the impact this project will have on our most vital asset - WATER.

Contamination of our water supplies during the extraction process, when 35 billion litres of toxic groundwater will be extracted and the resulting thousands of tonnes of salt is of tremendous concern to me.

Here we have Santos proposing to contaminate this most essential asset. They do not have a clear plan to deal with the 1000's of tonnes of salt that will be produced and until they can demonstrate a safe way to dispose of it NO approval should be given to this project.

LIFE DEPENDS ON CLEAN AND UNCONTAMINATED WATER

- It has been established in recent studies that Santos' claim of an economic + jobs boom is already

salination gas fields has not eventuated. A study into the industry by the CSIRO reported a deterioration in financial capital, local infrastructure, local skills & social cohesion. It found the biggest causes to losses to agricultural production was from gas industry access tracks and lease areas.

• We value our social networks and this project will divide communities. It will cause more trauma to the regional aboriginal community because the area of impact is considered vitally important to the spiritual, cultural and social life of the Yamiyana people.

• The justification for this project on the grounds there is a gas shortage is false. The fact that we export our gas and have little for our domestic use is bizarre. We have enough gas already in production but have the prospect of having to divert from export more to import.

• The impact on the environment!! The cumulative impacts of the gas project has not been properly assessed. To accommodate 850 wells, as proposed, close to 1000 ha. of the Billiga forest will have to be cleared impacting on the wildlife and damaging the largest temperate woodlands in NSW.

• The Narrabri Gas Project must not proceed. Environmentally it is not sound.

• The environment should not be sacrificed because

of the poor decisions by past governments in committing our existing and plentiful supply of unconventional gas to the overseas markets.

- We need a clean, safe environment - NOT PLUNDER FOR PROFIT.

Signed: Margaret D. Heast.