

Department of Planning and Environment
Attn: Executive Director, Resources Assessments
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RE: NARRABRI GAS PROJECT EIS SUBMISSION

I object to Santos's proposal to contaminate and dewater my home and urge the Government to reject it outright.

My heart feels sad as I write this submission. I am upset knowing the legislative process leads this Government to accepting Santos's false promises.

How is it that humans would design a process that ignores the basic rules of life? I see there is little hope in a country that has so much life, yet lost to greed.

Yet, we are a critical point in Australia's history. We need our Government to be strong and brave and stand up for what is right; not hide in Santos's 7000 pages of words.

My question is: "Under what circumstances would a Government reject coal seam gas in this country?"

WATER is by far the most important resource we have. Surely WATER should be our utmost priority to protect when considering this project.

Your decision directly impacts the lives of so many, especially other Australian families in North West NSW like mine, and as our Government; you will be responsible for the outcome.

I have written many submissions and not one acknowledgement that someone in Government even cares. (ATTACHMENT A) But, I live in hope.

Marcus Kuhn (14 yrs)
Liverpool Plains

21 May, 2017



ATTACHMENT A

12 March, 2016

Mr Glen Lazarus
Head of Senate Select Committee on Unconventional Gas Mining (Bender Inquiry)
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Dear Senator Lazarus,

RE: My Submission to Your Inquiry into Unconventional Gas Mining

I hope this inquiry truly listens to the people. I see our lovely people are in despair over the nonsensical laws that promote mining at any cost in this great country. I also see good people willing to go to any lengths to protect their families, no matter how silly Governments make the law to allow mining to go ahead. Please try to stop this mess.

My generation needs you to be honest and deliver good outcomes from your findings and recommendations. Otherwise, this is another lost opportunity to change our future for the better, and I urge you to not let that happen.

My name is Marcus Kuhn, I am thirteen years old and I am privileged to live in this wonderful country, Australia. I love my home and I'm proud to be a farmer. Our family farm runs beef cattle and multi-purpose sheep which provide essential food and fibre to feed and clothe other Australian families.

It is through this connection to the land that I have come to see the importance water is to *all* life. During times of drought makes this reality tougher and clearer. Water is the key to life and there is NO alternative.

Do you know of a substitute for clean, naturally balanced water?

This is my concern.

Nature provides a unique water filtering system whereby natural toxins are left safely underground in her care. This system, formed over billions of years, cannot be copied by a man made system. If nature's unique system is ruined there is no substitute, on that scale, and over that vast area of inland Australia, providing a clean resource for life as we know it, ever. Once it is ruined, it cannot be repaired or replaced.

If you cannot find an answer to this, why then is this industry allowed to proceed, dewatering and contaminating as it goes.

I also want this inquiry to expose the human rights issues relating to the unfair laws set by the Australian Government with regard to property rights for farmers and for what I see it will come to: clean water availability for its people.

I have grown up knowing that we have to fight for our freedom which, in the “lucky Country”, is unbelievable. How could Governments let this happen!

I will continue to stand up for the best outcome for me, my generation and our future, and I believe it is your responsibility to do that too.

In hope.

Marcus Kuhn

Liverpool Plains