

I am opposing this project on numerous fronts, but particularly due to risk to Australia in regards to water reservations (GAB), Environment, Gas Cartel economics, Ecology, Farmland protection, health, Climate Change and the list goes on. There is no gas shortage just a mismanagement of conventional supplies with no domestic gas reservation enforced and the greater threat of this to other Australian industries and the pressure on households. This project is not needed with the risks so high ... what is needed is a conventional Gas reservation policy and a look to energy of renewables. There is no immediate economic benefit to the majority of Australia but a very real cost!

1. Santos track Record. To date with prior exploration Santos has shown to cause environmental Damage.
2. The risk of potential water contamination continues to be of great concern. The possible changes to the GAB are a risk that is too high to take whether it be by depressurisation or contamination in a country with limited fresh water reserves is of very real and great concern particularly when our food bowl relies heavily on this same water supply.
3. The amount of bi products remain a very real issue ... toxic salts and produced water disposal are of a major concern. Spreading this onto dirt roads is not feasible as run off will create top soil and water runoff contamination. Reinjection has serious ramifications in regards to studies in earthquake increases and also possible other aquifer contamination.
4. Economics. These cartel companies such as Santos are holding Australians to ransom with higher than global costs of gas domestically ... Without a domestic Gas Reserve Policy enforced Australians and Australian industries are paying the price with these giant projects pushing gas off shore including our historical conventional gas reserves. These resources belong to the Australian People ... not companies to do with what they will particularly with dodgy political donations involved and putting other industries and the environment at risk.
5. Health ... with both communities and native flora and fauna are at risk from not just water contamination but air contamination. Studies are underway in regards to the health issues of living in or near gasfields and it is at this point it remains an unacceptable risk even with "Worlds Best Practice".
6. Living within or neighbouring a gas field means that insurance is unfeasible for those people involved.
7. Farmland can be divided and therefore made redundant with the way wells and gas infrastructure can be implemented. Runoff water can be disturbed with this same infrastructure issue.
8. Farmers should be able to deny access to any wells. What will start off as a few wells, to be viable, will turn into thousands of wells.
9. Environment. Tree clearing and deforestation for these types of projects endanger Australian flora and fauna which may already under severe stress from climate change
10. There are currently studies stating that gas is not a buffer to coal in regards to climate change and in fact can be just as damaging if not worse. These companies should be upgrading to other forms of energy such as true renewables.
11. There are alternatives to gas in Australia .. there is not alternatives to good viable farmland and fresh water supplies unique old growth forests and the animals and other vegetation that inhabit it.

I strongly object to this project going ahead. It concerns me the dishonesty that has occurred in regards to political donations. It concerns me the round door policy with

politicians. It concerns me what is at risk with this project. It concerns me that on an economic front there have been so many lies to the Australian people and industries. It concerns me that already with the number of gasfields in Qld and the proposals in other states this cartel industry is being pushed ahead and it is costing people of this country big time. It concerns me if one single child or person is subject to gasfield contamination and their health is improvised. It concerns me that there is still not enough baseline studies being done before these types of projects should even take an exploratory step forward. It concerns me that people can and are losing everything in and neighbouring gasfields already in this country. It concerns me the amount of land clearing and infrastructure this project will incur. It concerns me the levels of biproducts and waste and what will actually happen to it ... where it will ultimately end up.

It concerns me in this country people cannot say NO. It concerns me a few people will be looked after and get very rich where the majority of people will suffer because of this.

It concerns me other industries because of the cost of these giant export industries will be forced to shut down ... on a global scale it concerns me that these projects are NOT for the greater good of humanity in the long term and are in fact the reverse. They are NOT FOR THE GREATER GOOD ... BUT FOR THE GOOD OF A FEW on a global scale.

It concerns me that our Great Barrier Reef is at risk from extra shipping and also from global warming and ocean acification.

I have not quoted studies ... there are those that will be supplying all that information ... a lot of it I have read and understand many of them and they are included in submissions already.

As a Knitting Nanna Against Gas and Greed ... if this project were to go ahead I assure you many many many of us will be heading to this region to offer whatever support that we may to stop this project ... the cost to future generations is far too high to ignore!

I seriously hope that this submission gives you a strong feeling of how strongly thousands upon thousands of people feel in regards to protecting our amazing regional Australia and this planet.

Sincerely

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