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This is a submission to the Narrabri Gas EIS.

I object to this project.

- It will irreversibly damage the fabric of our Narrabri community with influxes of FIFO workers, increased costs of living and impacts on the social and economic stability of our town.
- The promise of jobs is unclear. Why does Santos promise nearly 8 times more jobs for Narrabri area in the EIS than previously (127 now compared to 16 a few years ago)¹?
- Santos claims the project will create only small jobs losses in agriculture. Yet in QLD the CSIRO found 1.8 agricultural jobs were lost for every new CSG job. If this occurred in Narrabri, the 127 new CSG jobs Santos claims it will create would result in 229 local agricultural job losses.
- It is not justified: Santos' own CSG exports in QLD have caused gas prices to rise and supply to become unpredictable. NSW should respond to this by investing in renewable energy plus storage, not by letting Santos inflict more environmental, social and economic harm.
- CSG is harmful to health. Neither the NSW Government nor Santos have investigated or dealt with the serious health effects of CSG shown in peer-reviewed research in the United States.
- The risks to our water are too great. It will extract over 35 billion litres of toxic groundwater and create tens of thousands of tonnes of salt waste. It would divert water from the recharge aquifer of the Great Artesian Basin and risk the pressure head of this critical water resource.
- It will clear 1,000 ha of the Pilliga forest, fragmenting the largest temperate woodland in New South Wales, home to endangered wildlife.
- It will cause trauma to the regional Aboriginal community because the area of impact is important to the spiritual and cultural life of Gamilaraay people.

- our aquifers are a resource that cannot be mined for private gain by mostly foreign ownership

Signed,

this could be as bad as the
white shot in the brown industry
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¹ Allen Consulting Group 2011, The economic impacts of developing coal seam gas operations in Northwest NSW, Report for Santos.