

Attachment No 1. To the Yes2Gas

EIS Submission to the Narrabri Gas Project.

I have read numerous reports and attended several seminars/ workshops and been on two "Santos Site Inspection Tours" and have come to the following conclusions.

1. There has been many studies done on this project and the consensus that I have gleaned from them are.
 - a. The damage to the environment is minimal and can be repaired if or when required.
 - b. The chance of contaminating the Great Artesian Basin and other aquifers used for agricultural irrigation is extremely low because of the geological formation of the rock seams. If it did happen, there are programmes in place to minimize the damage.
 - c. The proposed pipe line route runs through mostly low productive grazing country that will have no effect on current land use.
 - d. Santos has done a good job of cleaning up the issues they inherited from Eastern Star Gas.
2. New South Wales is running out of gas and this development will be crucial for the future of affordable energy use by Industry and Domestically. (Electricity and Gas).
3. Santos has proven to be a good corporate citizen for the Narrabri community by employing local people and offering training and tertiary education to some of our youth. They also support many sporting and cultural events in the community.
4. I am retired but have worked in the Irrigation Industry around Narrabri and Wee Waa for most of my working life, (40 years) and have observed that the number of people the agricultural industries employ is slowly but surely declining. This is due to more efficient farming practices such as larger farm machinery and technologies. So, if towns like Narrabri and Gunnedah are to survive, they need industries such as the CSG and Coal.
5. The owners of businesses such as engineering fabrication workshops, engineering supplies shops, electrical contractors, heavy equipment operators advise me that their businesses would be struggling without the likes of Santos and the sub-contractors that work for them.
6. The large majority of Narrabri citizens I speak to support this development as they want to see Narrabri progress for the benefit of their children and grandchildren. Typically, the Vocal Minority attracts the media and negative opinions are formed by the media and general population.
7. Thinking outside the square, If Narrabri and nearby communities could offer cheap, reliable Energy (Electricity and Gas); it would be an attractive location for industries to relocate out of the over-populated cities.