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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Submission to the Narrabri Gas Project Environment Impact Statement**

We object very strongly to the project and request that it be rejected.

This project is of great concern living near one of the seven Santos planned gas fields in the North West, New South Wales. Santos are over valuating their projected contribution to local communities and consciously play down their great ability to destroy many agricultural and secondary family businesses within the North West of NSW. The underground water of the Great Artesian Basin is at high risk of being contaminated. Our property depends on this water for all domestic and stock use. We live in the Gunnedah Shire, which has a population of 12,989 who depend greatly on the underground water supply. Impact to the groundwater will be a minimal risk to the proponent however the significant loss to those whose depend on clean fresh water supply will be devastating. No water, no life.

Clearing close to 1,000 Hectares of the Pilliga State Forest is nothing short of being criminal. This is a beautiful temperate woodland that is often regarded by many as being very important to our weather influences.

We do not believe the Chief Scientist's recommendations have been addressed; insurance mechanism, spatial control, standing expert committee or health assessment.

The North West NSW Gasfield free survey results gathered over the past 5 years revealed 96% of the communities want to live in a gas field free community. This is a very clear message to your department and politicians: Santos has no social Licence to operate here.

Yours faithfully,

  
Andrew and Helen Strang

