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To: NSW Department of Planning and Environment

This is a submission to the Narrabri Gas EIS

I OBJECT to this project. Below are my reasons.

- It will cause significant diversion of water from a recharge aquifer of the Great Artesian Basin, which is a water resource relied upon by rural communities across western NSW.
- It will clear close to 1,000 hectares of the Pilliga Forest, fragmenting the largest temperate woodland in NSW, home to unique wildlife.
- It will extract over 35 billion litres of toxic groundwater, much of it in the first five years. This water will be treated and in the early years will generate tens of thousands of tonnes of salt, for which there is no safe disposal plan.
- It will lead to large deliberate and fugitive emissions of methane, adding to climate change.
- It will cause more trauma to the regional Aboriginal community because the area of impact is crucially important to the spiritual, cultural and social life of Gamilaraay people.
- It will cause economic upheaval in Narrabri and put agricultural industries at risk, as well as causing light pollution that will ruin the dark night sky needed by the internationally renowned Siding Spring Observatory.
- Coal seam gas is harmful to health. There are now serious health effects of coal seam gas now appearing in peer-reviewed research in the USA. Surely the NSW Government and Santos should check this out!!
- The future is in renewable energy.
- We cannot keep taking and taking from our environment and expecting that it won't be affected! We owe our children and grandchildren a safe and healthy environment. We are custodians only. Lets do a good job of treating our earth with the respect she deserves!!!

