

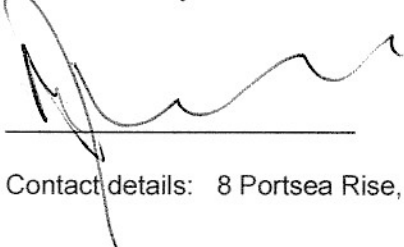
- The local geology ensures that there is no requirement to use hydraulic fracturing technology (fracking) in the NGP, and Santos has stated it does not require the use of fracking to meet its delivery target projections for gas supply.
- There is quite a strong local base for the NGP, and there are many employment and social benefits which could accrue to the local Community.

The EIS has concluded the Narrabri Gas Project can be developed safely with minimal and manageable risk to the environment.

- The EIS is a very comprehensive document that includes extensive studies and modelling on the environment in the Project area, including studies on water, flora, fauna, soil, noise, air quality and cultural heritage.
- The Proponent has drawn upon more than 13,000 hours of on ground environmental surveys, carried out by environmental scientists who are experts in their fields, and the information in the EIS will be the basis to prepare detailed management and mitigation plans for the Project.
- The EIS demonstrates an environmentally sensitive plan which will allow the NGP to proceed delivering much needed natural gas for the NSW market safely.
- The EIS concluded:
 - Water available to farmers and the community will be unaffected
 - Drilling will be carried out safely using the NSW Well Integrity Code of Practice which has been reviewed by the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer
 - Significant impacts on threatened and endangered flora and fauna will be avoided
 - Known Aboriginal cultural heritage sites will be protected
 - The Project will coexist with current land uses including agriculture and forestry.

As such, I support the development of the NGP, providing it complies with the respective laws and planning and environmental regulations which apply within the State of NSW and Australia.

Yours sincerely



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