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This is a submission to the Narrabri Gas Project EIS.

I object to this project and believe it should be rejected.

I object strongly to the proposal to develop the Narrabri Gas Project for many reasons chiefly the damage that may be caused to the Great Artesian Basin and the effect that will have on the surrounding communities rural and urban. Huge quantities of water will be removed and this will lower the level of the Great Artesian Basin as has happened in the area between Roxby Downs and Marree with the Olympic Dam project. In the Peake area of South Australia, one large potato grower was allowed take huge quantities of water out of the aquifer leaving surrounding farms without water in their bores. We must always be mindful of any overuse of water from the Great Artesian Basin, a most precious resource. We cannot be certain where the Great Artesian Basin gets its water but it is generally believed to be through the sandstone areas of which the Pilliga region is one. The plan to landfill the huge quantities of salt that is part of this project is dangerous, can Santos guarantee there will be no leaching into the Great Artesian Basin. I think not and what is the guarantee worth when the damage is done?

To me it is strange that water skiing has not been allowed on Yarrie Lake for many years as it was deemed to be damaging the area, but Coal Seam Gas bores will be allowed around the lake. Doesn't the lake matter now?

Most of the Coal Seam Gas will be exported, why not send the salt also, a package deal, you want the gas you take the salt also.

Signed. It seems rural people and their production are of no value to governments or Big Business.