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Executive Director,  
Resource Assessments,  
Department of Planning & Environment,  
GPO Box 39,  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Narrabri Gas Environmental Impact Statement**

I wish to object to the proposed Santos Narrabri Gas project. I have read the Executive Summary of the EIS, and understand much of the scientific detail, but the whole rationale for the development is that there is an increase in gas demand, and money to be made.

It is my understanding that the actual 'demand' is in fact for power and heating, currently met in the form of gas or electricity. (It also appears that the demand is reducing with energy efficiency measures.)

I understand the arguments about gas being a transition fuel for the domestic market, but surely the transition period will only be extended by bringing more gas on line? It is clear that most of the currently mined gas in Australia is being exported, and therefore playing no role in Australia's transition to a low-carbon, sustainable energy system.

I am very concerned about the effects of this proposal on water resources and biodiversity, but my main reason for opposing this gas project is that I no longer have any trust in the Government's willingness to make decisions in the broad public interest, rather than the financial interests of major corporations.

Yours faithfully,

Barbara Finch

