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Attention; Executive Director
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This is a submission to the Narrabri Gas E.I.S
I object to this project and believe it should be rejected.

At 1239 Westport Rd. Jacks Creek, our home and farm, is in the centre of the proposed 850 gas wells threatening our ground water supply by drawdown and pollution. Without this water we cannot exist.

In the last 5 years, no property in this area has been sold. Drive down Westport Rd, and linking Roads and see the dilapidated sale signs degraded by time and weather I cannot sell my property now as the local agent told me "you left it too late" as many of us have, unless your property is of interest to Santos to extract gas.

The Narrabri Chamber of Commerce appears to tub thump for support for Santos in the belief that the gas extraction will be the greatest financial win for the small business operators in Narrabri. They seem to be oblivious that most of their business cliental are people like me who live outside the town and give custom to their members business and if we go down without water and having to walk off our properties what will they do. Incidentally Narrabri town is also on bore water.

There are empty shop fronts in town and growing . I ponder that if it was not for Coles and Woolworths this town would be in serious straits especially when they are the only ones who sell bottled water in sizeable packs but we cannot bathe in bottled water.

All the signs are appearing in Narrabri.

1. Serious lack of trade persons.
2. Empty shop fronts.
3. Rundown appearance of the town.
4. Young people leaving after completing secondary education.

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