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This is a submission to the Narrabri Gas EIS.

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

Apart from the over 35 billion litres of toxic groundwater, much of it in the first five years. 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 lead to large deliberate and fugitive emissions of methane, adding to climate change. 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 Springs Observatory.

When Eastern Star Gas were exploring in the Pilliga their contractors were using Westport Road and showed no respect for the regular users of the road there were a few near misses for cars but unfortunately not for the wild life, it was the same when Santos took over until they were told to take alternate routes to their site. The work camp is down the bottom of Westport Road and the workers coming home would throw beer bottles out the car windows because it was a dry camp, so Westport Rd was littered with rubbish and beer cans, bottles and wildlife, as there is no speed limit they test the company vehicle to its capacity. Council was notified of this activity and advised the owner of the camp to educate these people. When construction of these 850 wells begins I am afraid so will the antisocial behavior, as Santos has no respect for the environment why should their employees.

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