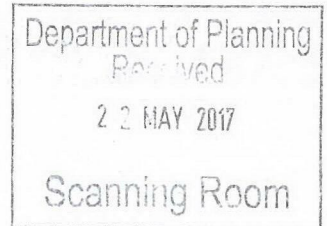


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This is a submission to the Santos Narrabri Gas EIS

I object to this project and recommend that it be rejected.

Triple bottom Line consideration to be considered:

1 Economic – Short term economic factors are understood though not supported

2 Environmental

- The need for extensive before, during and after (publically available) studies related to construction is critical to monitoring environmental effects. The Condamine River in Queensland still leaks gas (furtive emissions!). I am unaware of any actions to stop this occurring.
- Clearly identified cost penalties for non-compliance should be specified before approval

3 Social - The effects of boom and bust cycles in the industry as clearly shown in Queensland gas developments (e.g. Emerald) should be publicly available to assist in showing the short term nature of the creation of employment. It does not take many staff to maintain a pipeline which is the only medium term employment at best.

4 Precautionary Principle – when there is a degree of uncertainty with any aspect of the Project this principle would be taken into account (and answered) before approval

5 Governance – There needs to be a totally independent review of the outcomes submissions received, not government, not government agencies, not the mining industry, not environmental groups and not local residents. Independent and public.

6 Consideration - Australian gas should be produced for the benefit of Australians first... Before meeting private companies export agreements, and it should be supplied at a price that compares favourably with world market prices. Consider Bass Strait Gas being conveyed to Gladstone by pipeline to be exported overseas at a cheaper price than paid in Australia. What controls would there be on the provision of Pilliga gas?

7 Sustainability Is the project sustainable? No. Is there an alternative? Yes.

Given Australia's abundant solar resources, and the increasing advances in solar technology (with associated cost reduction), surely this alternative source of energy should be considered when calculating Australian energy requirements - not for short term gain (financial) but long term sustainable planning for our future.

I ask the Government to reject this Project.

JK Regan 17-05-17