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To the NSW Dept. of Planning and Environment
This is a submission to the Narrabri Gas EIS.
I object to this project for so many reasons.

Recent history tells us that the unconventional Gas Mining industry is destructive to our environment and poses serious dangers to those in it. Santos tells us that they are different, that they have the highest of standards and can be trusted to do the right thing. The history of the Narrabri Gas project does not support this view. Just one example, the spill at Bibblewindi - Santos claim that this was a 10,000 L spill from one of their tanks, on site it is apparent that it was a much larger spill than would have been possible from a tank. The dimensions exactly match the size of the dam nearby and from aerial photos I have seen it is very clear that ~~the~~ the spill came from the dam. Five years on, Santos claim to have spent millions on rehabilitation of this site,

yet on my recent visit to the site I saw no vegetation higher than my knee, and milk cartons were used as seedling protectors. They now have fencing up around this area 'To stop the wildlife from killing the seedlings' but this begs the question - why has it taken them this long? with all of those millions spent on it.

The older spill site is going on 16 years, and it still cannot support ~~the~~ mature trees, the only vegetation growing there are fast growing wattle trees, which are not even endemic local species. This is a legacy from the days of Eastern Star Gas, which Santos is quick to distance itself from, they were however, Major Shareholders in Eastern Star Gas.

We should not be trusting the integrity of the Great Artesian Basin and the Pilliga Forest to the Coal Seam Gas Industry.

Moree has recently invested in a new Solar Farm, all of the surrounding communities do not want Gas. We do not need Gas to supply domestic Energy needs, when we look at how much gas is currently being exported this is obvious. Why should we put our environment and future at risk so that Santos can get Rich?

