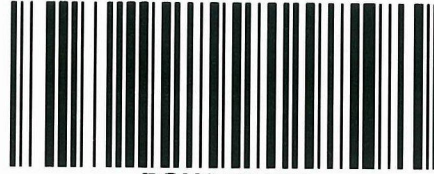




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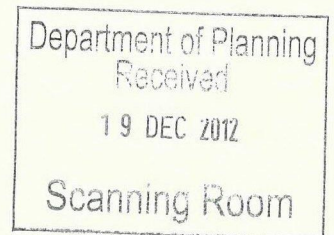
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To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Camden Gas Plant - Coal Seam Gas Exploration and Extraction
in Campbelltown Scenic Hills and the Macarthur District**



Please accept this letter as a formal submission to the enquiry into coal seam gas exploration and extraction in the Campbelltown Scenic Hills and the Macarthur District.

Our Society calls for a ban on coal seam gas exploration and extraction in Campbelltown Scenic Hills and the Macarthur District, to protect both the built and the natural environment, for reasons listed below.

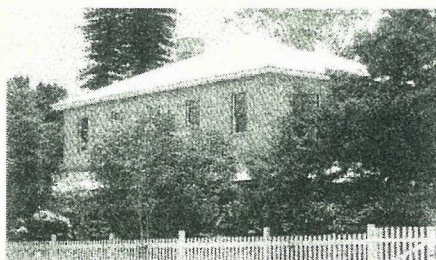
Aboriginal Heritage:

The land, inhabited by the Dharawal tribe, was a major meeting place for tribes.

Colonial Heritage:

1. The Cowpastures was the cradle of pastoral industry in the Colony of New South Wales.
2. John and Elizabeth Macarthur pioneered the wool industry on the Macarthur estates.
3. Campbelltown, founded in 1820 by Governor Lachlan Macquarie, was carefully situated in the Scenic Hills, so the hills would form the backdrop to the town.
4. The Varroville property, originally owned by Dr Robert Townson, is the site of dams built by Charles Sturt.

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Concerns:

1. What remains of Camden's Scenic Hills forms an important remnant.
2. Environmental Protection (Scenic): Under the Local Environment Plan extractive industries and mines are prohibited land uses.
3. Ground water: All natural waterways and ground water must be conserved.
4. Upper Canal: This important engineering heritage must be conserved, not "built over, under or near".
5. Sturt's Dams: Part of the colonial heritage of Campbelltown.

Our Society believes that it is imperative that the NSW Heritage Council and the NSW Heritage Office should be responsible for the decisions made in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Goodfellow', written in a cursive style.

J Goodfellow
Secretary