



Birding NSW Inc

ABN: 72 008 283 208

PO Box Q277 QVB Post Shop Sydney NSW 1230

Email: info@birdingnsw.org.au

www.birdingnsw.org.au

The Director
Office of the Independent Planning Commission of NSW
Level 3 201 Elizabeth St Sydney NSW 2000
E: ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au

18 June 2020.

Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: Narrabri Gas Project (SSD-6456), the proposed mining of coal-seam gas.

On behalf of over 400 members and supporters of Birding NSW (formerly NSW FOC), we repeat our great concern that this proposal has too many unknown factors to be approved. Once the damage is done to land, water and ground water, it can never be repaired. It will be irreversibly damaged and the losses will include all flora and fauna in a very fragile and unique part of Australia.

In the three years since we last wrote, the evidence of damage to the environment through climate change has been seen again and again. Drought, less water available to the environment in any part of the landscape-surface or underground, catastrophic bushfires, and lower rainfall are all leading to a rapid desertification of arid sectors.

We do understand the economic returns to Australia of the deposits of ancient mineral combustibles that can be mined relatively easily. But they will one day be gone and the Governments of the day will wonder why Australia did not turn quickly to renewable energies that are plentiful and only minimally harmful. We have doubts about the safety of wind turbines and effects on wildlife, but sunshine and tides we have in abundance.

It is past the time of reversal of damage to the unique and precious environment. We need to act now and a complete dismissal of the Narrabri Gas Project would be a very good start.

Please refuse this destructive proposal.

Sincerely

Ian Bailey
Office of Conservation Birding NSW
Direct: ibails@bigpond.net.au