To the independent Planning Commission

I am corresponding to register my objection to the proposed Santos Narrabri Coal Seam Gas Project.

It would seem that Santos and the State Government see only $$$ and not the potential lowering of the water table, release of unwanted poisonous residue, and intrusion into rural properties.

At a time when the planet and its systems are under extreme stress and worsening daily, we see another attempt to industrialize a major natural habitat for many unique flora and fauna, and disruption and loss to the many landholders who currently conduct conventional activities in the area.

Fracking is an extremely controversial method of obtaining natural gas. Reduction of the availability of precious water by lowering the water table being just one.

We are all able to list the potential issues that we know of, and these should be enough to discourage our politicians from allowing approval. However, I am also personally concerned about the potentially disastrous unknown outcomes that may affect the area for ever.

For example, who would have thought that a slight increase in the temperature of the East Coast Current (due to Global Warming), would decimate environmentally essential kelp beds off the NSW Coast, by allowing warmer water species of fish travelling 2000 Kms South from Queensland and consuming them.

One would hope that our politicians would have seen enough evidence that human tampering and interventions in the natural world can prove to be disastrous.

For all the generations to come, please prevent this unnecessary project from proceeding.

John Hughes