In these times of sensitivity to climate change and to the culture of the First Nations people in Australia I am astounded that the plans by Santos to develop a coal seam gas project in the Pilliga and surrounding farmland is being seriously considered by the NSW Planning Department.

I object to the project on many grounds but for me the most pressing are:

\* **Climate Change**. This project will produce millions of tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

\* **Aboriginal Heritage**. Recently we heard about the destruction of valuable heritage sites in WA by the mining giant   Rio Tinto. This company say they have a commitment to caring for Aboriginal heritage and then they go head a           destroy precious sites and THEN APOLOGISE… as if they didn’t know what they were doing. Who knows what   promises Santos makes to the local Aboriginal groups all be kept? How can we ordinary Australians trust these   big international companies?

\* **Availability of Options to CSG**

The rapid development of solar and wind energy and the development of battery storage options has     reduced, if not eliminated the need for Australia to invest in risky operations such as CSG and coal mining. Clean   energy solutions are better for the environment, are cheaper to set up and offer more employment opportunities   than the mechanised mining options.

\* **Danger from Fire**

I am an active member of the Rural Fire Service here in NSW. I do not want to be called to fight fires caused by   burning flares in a landscape as dry as the Pilliga. The service to which I belong has long objected to gas mines    being established in dry areas.

\* L**ack of trust in the Company**

Santos have already had spills and leaks of toxic water in the Pilliga area. I do not trust them to do their best to   prevent such spills, confess to having them or paying to clean up afterwards. Their record is not admirable in this    area.

I do not trust this company to put the needs of the local Aboriginal community and the Narrabri community ahead   of their role which is to make profits for their shareholders.

Please do not let this project go ahead.

Sincerely

Margaret Henley