I oppose the Narrabri Gas Project because Australia, and NSW, should be doing its part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prevent climate change.

Developing the proposed new coal seam gas wells will release vast amounts of greenhouse gases (estimated at 5 million tonnes a year) that will make it difficult for Australia to meet its Paris Climate Agreement. There are also other adverse environmental impacts: on the water, Aboriginal cultural heritage and biodiversity of the area. 1000 hectares of native vegetation will be lost that are the habitats of koalas, the eastern pygmy possum and other fauna.

We should be focusing and investing in clean and renewable sources of energy and not continuing to propagate the extraction of fossil fuels which has brought us into our current dire environmental straits in the first place. This is the recommendation of world bodies, such as the UN Environment Program’s Production Gap Report in 2019 in which it mentions, “…the time to begin planning for a wind-down of gas production is, as with other fossil fuels, already upon us.”