**The report by DPIE on the Santos Narrabri CSG project confirms:**

1. **Not** on Prime Agricultural Land.

2. Release of gas does not require fracking.

3. The targets for drilling and piping is considerably below the water table/aquifers and therefore do not impact on the water aquifers.

4.The gas extracted contains salt water. This water is then processed through a desalination plant. The purified water is given back to the community in the district.

5. The contaminated salt is taken away for land fill…back to whence it came!

( Until a viable purification process is found).

6. No drilling without property owners agreement and financial proposal negotiated. Currently postive response from locals.

7. Where grazing of live stock occurs, or cropping, the gas collection pipes can be placed underground so as not to impede that grazing.

8. The report outlines protection of flora and fauna.

9. Any Aboriginal sites of significance are protected.

**Major benefits**:

1. NSW energy consumers will enjoy low cost, plentiful gas.

2. NSW State Govt will receive substantial state royalties. Much needed following the Covid consequences on the State’s capital.

3. Use of gas as an energy source is proven to lower existing carbon dioxide emissions.

4. Industry must have cheap energy in order to be internationally competitive; at present in a precarious position. eg the Tomago Aluminium Smelter. It would be tragic to lose these major industries offshore because of a denial of cheap local abundant energy.

 5.My friend whose cattle property is adjacent to the Pilliga forest advises that the farming community would find the income from royalties very desirable during periods of adverse conditions such as drought., being a reliable income supplement.

 6. Obvious job benefits to the local community.

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