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To Whom It May Concern

Dear IPC representatives,

I oppose the New South Wales CSG - Narrabri Coal Seam Gas Project for multiple reasons.

- 1) Gas is not a renewable energy source, and burning it causes global warming. As world citizens and as citizens of a comparatively wealthy nation of Australia, in which we can make choices about how our actions influence the future, we are morally bound to refrain from investing in technologies which exacerbate global warming when we know better, and when there are better, viable alternatives, such as investing in renewable technologies and renewable energy.
- 2) Extracting this gas will cause inexcusable environmental damage to local ecosystems.
- 3) This technique is likely to misuse, waste and poison precious local water sources. It continues to happen, despite assurances made during approval processes. Once the damage takes place, it cannot be fixed. Why take this risk?
- 4) We have seen the destruction of irreplaceable Aboriginal heritage by Rio Tinto's mining actions in Western Australia, and we do not want this repeated. The local Aboriginal people have already suffered from the invasion of their lands generations ago. Perhaps the white settlers knew no better. We, however, do.
- 5) It is not acceptable to continually and repeatedly ignore the will of the people in favour of the will of companies who exploit common property for their own ends, rather than for the good of the individuals who live there and will inherit any problems caused by these activities.
- 6) Australia has enough gas. Even if there was a shortage of gas, we would prefer to go without than to threaten good farming land and the remnant bushland and wildlife which make Australia Australia. We just don't need to be so selfish and shortsighted. (The COVID-19 crisis has shown us how adaptable and collaborative we can be as a nation.)
- 7) If the democratic process is to be shown to have any value, let us make it clear that "no means no". When there is sufficient opposition, for wholly sensible reasons, the IPC must reflect the will of the majority of people, and say "no".

Thank you for considering all of these important reasons to oppose the Santos project.

Yours faithfully

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