I have lived in the Narrabri Shire most of my life and am opposed to the Narrabri Gas project going ahead for the following reasons

* All 16 recommendations made by the NSW Chief Scientist in 2014 have NOT be fully implemented. 2 have been fully implemented and half haven’t been done at all
* How is 840,000 tonnes of solid salt containing heavy metals going to be disposed of?
* In a flood event the possible overflowing of the holding ponds or eroding of the ponds causing contamination of the Namoi River and land.
* I am concerned about the possible depressurization of The Great Artesian Basin
* Very little is known about the deep aquifers Santos will dewater to extract gas
* Very concerned about the contamination of the aquifers
* I am concerned about the amount of water that will be extracted. It is estimated that over 20 years Santos will remove 37.5 billion litres of water
* The Pilliga is very important to the Gomeroi People with many heritage sites in the project area
* 95,000 hectares of The Pilliga will be industrialized
* Many threatened plants and fauna are found in The Pilliga. We do not want to cause the extinction of the koala in The Pilliga

As I am a local farmer in the Narrabri Shire I do NOT want the Narrabri Gas project to go ahead if there is any chance of compromising our stock and domestic water supply underground or surface water. After this last drought surely everyone must realize how precious our water is.

If our water does become contaminated will the State Government be prepared to compensate everyone???

Regards

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