The proposal by Santos to develop the Narrabri Gas fields must NOT go ahead.

This proposal will cause irreversible environmental damage to inland rivers such as those that make up the Murray-Darling river system, which is intimately connected with the Great Artesian Basin, is fragile and near collapse.

Historically high fish kills, poisoned water due to blue-green algal blooms and parched river beds are testament to the shocking state of our inland water network. Gas extraction practices, both Conventional and Fracking, release fugitive gases laced with toxic chemicals and salts. Australian farmers cannot afford the extraction of 37.5 billion litres of groundwater that this project needs. As well as destroying the livelihoods of farmers this massive gas extraction project impacts on future food security and destroys local communities who rely on the water.

I and many friends and colleagues are against gas mining within NSW and would like our strong opposition noted.

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