

To the Independent Planning Commission,

I am writing to ask you to reject Santo's proposed Narrabri Gas Project.

This proposed 850 well coal seam gas project will have an unacceptable Impact on our nations precious Pilliga Forrest, our water and our farmland. It is a backward looking fossil fuel based project that will contribute to Australia's greenhouse emissions.

It will have negative impacts on our state and nation's cultural heritage by encroaching on the living heritage of the Gamilaray people. It will negatively impact the the Narrabri district, putting at risk the future of farming and tourism. The cumulative impact of this largescale proposal will jeopardise any other sources income generation in the area. Surveys of landowners and communities in surrounding areas have rejected this proposal. **Prioritising the interests of one company at the expense of all others in the community is unacceptable.**

Water is life in Australia. Agriculture in the Narrabri district and the Great Artesian Basin are reliant on the Pilliga Forrest as a water source. The proposed 850 well coal seam gas project will not only create an ugly landscape that tourists and locals alike will hate and avoid, this form of mining has a known and unacceptable impact on geology and ground water. Despite 'remediation' plans, the Pilliga sandstone, once drilled and 'dewatered' for mining, can never again retain water and fill its role as an important water source for agriculture and recharging the Great Artesian Basin. Santos (even if they adequately fund their remediation plans) can never truly remediate and restore water to this area in a meaningful way because they are destroying the geological formations that shape and store it.

Our ability to be an agriculturally productive nation still matters. Santos do not have a social licence for this project and the rest of the community requires certainty for our environmental and our rural communities.

Thank you for considering this objection to the Santos Pilliga Coal Seam Gas project,

Yours sincerely,

Verena Mauldon

19 Fairymede Rd, Mangrove Mountain NSW 2250, Australia