7 Wendo Street,

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Re: Narrabri Gas Project.

Dear Sirs,

Here in Australia we have a country largely unspoilt by the ravages of human interference. There are exceptions of course, but thankfully at least some of these have been repaired and restored. Some remain as ugly scars on the landscape and may never be able to be made invisible.

It would seem that we are confronted by the approach of another environmental disaster, this time near the delightful country town of Narrabri. If we allow the Narrabri Gas Project to proceed, we will be destroying yet another part of our country*.* There will be inevitable damage to groundwater resources, and to those of us blessed to live in the ‘bush’ this is incredibly important. Our country has limited water resources, and the further from the coast we live, the more difficult it is for us to have as much water as we would like. We are already on level 5 restrictions here in Armidale, and many people find this difficult. If the Narrabri Project does proceed, there will be real risks to this, the driest continent on earth. There are precious Aboriginal cultural sites which will be damaged, and if we allow this we will be exacerbating the already shameful way we have treated our First Peoples. To risk leakage into and contamination of our rivers and groundwater is irresponsible.

Please take into account the extent of possible damage that may be caused by this project. It is not the only option available. Wind and Solar Power are already available, renewable, and increasingly reliable and economical. For us not to take advantage of these options is simply foolish. We can do this in more appropriate and less damaging ways. We can, and we should.

It is with sincerity that I write. And with some considerable anxiety for the future of my grandchildren and yours. They deserve better of us.

Carol Maddox