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To whom it may concern

Thank you for this opportunity to make a submission about Santos’s Narrabri Gas project.

I would like to object. My main concern is that Santos’s Narrabri Gas project is at odds with the Australian Government’s commitment to reduce greenhouse gas production to reduce global warming to 1.5 degrees. According to climate scientists, Australia’s remaining carbon budget based on its population is only 310 million tonnes of carbon. (1)

However, burning the gas extracted by the Narrabri gas project could produce total greenhouse gas emissions of 127.8 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, or 5 million tonnes a year.

In addition, if that is not enough reason, this project will destroy forest, threaten sites of cultural significance and cause anxiety for locals.

The current environmental laws may not be strong but eventually the crime of ecocide could be enforced. Those who knowingly disregard the dangers of fossil fuels should keep this in mind.

Besides new renewables are a cheaper alternative. (2)

Yours Sincerely

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1. <https://www.smh.com.au/environment/climate-change/our-carbon-budget-is-all-but-spent-but-who-in-canberra-is-counting-20190505-p51k8c.html#:~:text=With%200.33%25%20of%20the%20world's,primarily%20from%20burning%20fossil%20fuels.>
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