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SUBMISSION AGAINST NARRABRI GAS PROJECT

Our family are generational farmers in the Narrabri/Wee Waa area. Water, especially underground water, is everything to us: we drink it, water our gardens, clean with it and with licences use it on crops. It provides the water supply for Narrabri and Wee Waa towns. It is such a precious, precious resource, we should not be even considering coal seam gas extraction here as it could irrevocably change/limit/spoil the supply of underground water for too many people who depend on it for living (not a living, plain living.

When the project first started we asked a Santos representative could they 100% guarantee that our underground water resource would be safe. They said they didn’t expect underground water to be harmed but could not guarantee it 100%. So, as far as we’re concerned, that’s the end of the argument. One mistake and too many lives, ecosystems, native species and livestock would be lost. The risk is too great and the compensation would never account for lost communities and futures.

We believe there is too much at stake here, full stop. We oppose the Santos Gas Project in its entirety.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss this further.

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