I strongly support the Santos Narrabri Coal Seam Gas project.

Of course there are uncertainties associated with the project, but the benefits far outweigh any negative uncertainties. I am appalled by the unscrupulous campaign conducted by the opponents of the Project. They have resorted to scaremongering, lies and misinformation, intimidation and bullying, threatening to boycott businesses that support the project. The reason I have asked for my name and location not to be published is because I have already been bullied and intimidated for my support of the Project

The form letter objecting to the project which the Australia Institute sent to every household in the district with the invitation to submit was unconscionable. The name “Australia Institute” gives the impression of being professional and objective, where it is distinctly left green and biased in its thinking.

A professional and object survey into community attitudes to the Project has not been done. Opponents claim to have done a survey but the questions were loaded and of the “have-you-stopped-beating-your-wife-yet?” variety. Five years ago a proper survey would have shown a majority in favour of the project, but today, thanks to the relentless and unscrupulous negative campaign against the project the result might go the other way. Nevertheless, I urge you to give decisive leadership, and approve the Project ,as it is in the best interests of the district, the State and the country as a whole.

I have lived in the district for nearly 50 years and have children, grandchildren and great grandchildren here. I am a retired scientist, having work for the CSIRO in the Cotton Industry. I am trained to evaluated projects objectively. When the Cotton Industry began here in the ‘60s and ‘70s objections were raised, just as they are today to the Coal Seam Gas, yet they proved to be groundless.