

**Submission to the Independent Planning Commission Objecting to the Narrabri Gas project.**

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Dear Commissioners,

I write as a resident of the Pilliga. I live on 700 acres of undeveloped Pilliga forest land at the southern end of the Pilliga.

This is very much a “not in my back yard” objection, but not just because it is in my back yard, but because this project has been flawed from the very beginning.

I repeat all of the objections that have been presented

- the project is not financially viable
- the project adds to greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere
- the project is a huge and unacceptable risk to ground base water supplies as any damage cannot be reversed
- the project has no social capital, it is unwanted by locals and outsiders alike
- the project adds to light in our dark skies damaging astronomy and wildlife habitat
- the project is not culturally sensitive, riding roughshod over local Aboriginal culture
- the project adds risk during bushfires with exposed flame and inadequate fire protections from Santos
- The project will not create permanent ongoing work for large amounts of people as claimed by Santos

Adding my own personal objection that this adds nothing to the Pilliga to keep it protected as it should be. This project devalues a piece of Australia that should be kept intact. Logging in the Pilliga was stopped because of this very same reason – the Pilliga was recognised as special and unique and should be preserved.

Many of us living in the Pilliga do so because we want to help keep it as it is. We do not want industrialisation of our bushland. We want wildlife to continue to roam as it does, without increased traffic, toxic areas, loss of habitat adding stress to an already tough landscape.

This will devalue our properties, not only in financial terms, but in terms of why we are here, to make sure there's something special here for future generations.

Looking at this project pragmatically it is plain to see that its balance sheet is in the red, any benefits (and I am highly sceptical of any benefits stated by Santos as they are aspirational, not concrete) stated do not outweigh the dangerous negatives.

Please do not approve this project, for now and future generations.

Yours Sincerely  
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