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To Independent Planning Commission.

I wish to lodge a strong objection to the Narrabri Gas Project going ahead on the following grounds:

1. There is no plan for disposal of the toxic waste salts. The Department of Planning, Environment and Industry state that most problems can be resolved through “standard engineering practices”. Specific details on the actual risks i’m not taking into account here.
2. There is no plan for the safe disposal of toxic water. This is extremely significant given the usual practice of storing used water in holding ponds and then spreading the waste water on roads or using it for general irrigation. I reiterate the water is toxic
3. The impact of the water volume proposed to be extracted from The Great Artesian Basin recharge area is unknown despite the best estimates of the Water Panel. Environmental factors in any particular year will have significant impact upon the recharge rates. The Great Artesian Basin recharge area needs to be used for farming for food security not for fossil fuel extraction.
4. The previous spill in the area shows Santos’ inadequate safeguards around the risks of spillage and the consequent sulphate reducing bacteria of any further spill would create more dead zones.
5. The agricultural food and fibre crops of the Liverpool Plains and surrounds will be heavily impacted as water bores will be depleted to feed the wells

The environmental impacts from fugitive gas emissions and our carbon footprint are of great concern in this time of climate change and rapidly rising CO2 levels. At this time it would be prudent to minimise all potential for carbonisation of the atmosphere.

Farmers will be impacted whether they like it or not and Insurance companies have said they will NOT insure farmers against CSG mining

Though the Department of Planning, Environment and Industry have stated their support for the project, the guidelines for approval are biased in favour of industrialisation of the environment and do NOT give attention to the specific aspects of the implementation risks.

Yours faithfully,

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