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To whom it may concern

I strongly object to the development of the Narrabri Gas Project.

In the IPCC's current assessment of the global climate, scientists warn that Australia is on the path to warm to between 2.7 and 6.2 degrees BASED ON OUR CURRENT HIGH-EMISSIONS TRAJECTORY. That means we must not only curtail emissions from all sources, but most importantly, DEFINITELY NOT open up new gas, coal or oil projects.

The Narrabri project has no social licence. The vast majority of local landholders don't want it. They have seen the damage coal seam gas exploration has wrought on other parts of Australia – the degradation of farmland and precious water sources, the devastation of communities overrun by a 'fly in- fly out' workforce that pushes locals out of the housing market and degrades the town to the status of temporary service provider, and the dislocation of the employment market in sectors such as manufacturing and agriculture. And in the aftermath of Rio Tinto's callous destruction of the WA caves, this project has no prior binding condition to protect Indigenous cultural sites, nor any detailed surveys to assure people that these sites will be protected.

Most vitally, the integrity of the Pilliga woodland will be severely compromised by the clearing of 1000 ha if this development proceeds. Bushfires have destroyed immense swathes of NSW forest – what remains is of increasingly precious habitat value. Threatened flora and fauna, including koalas, currently live on the proposed gas fields. The ecological communities that support them will collapse if the development goes ahead. Furthermore, burning gas flares increase the risk of bushfires sweeping through this endangered ecosystem. There is no reason to suppose that this development will be different to others, where leaking toxic CSG water has caused aquifer contamination and forest dieback, and the salt waste has contaminated groundwater, soil, and surrounding ecosystems.

In terms of CO2 emissions, burning gas is no better than burning coal once fugitive emissions are counted, and is certainly no panacea for our looming energy crisis. Only renewables can provide a genuine alternative for lowering emissions and offering thousands of ethical jobs. The Narrabri Gas project will add 5 million tonnes p.a. of CO2 to Australia's emissions, which are already among the highest per capita in the world. Angus Taylor's carrot-and-stick funding threats must be eschewed by the NSW government in preference to an honest, open, independent, science-based assessment of the real costs of this project.

Yours sincerely

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