

IPC. Narrabri Gas Project.

I/~~We~~ support the Narrabri Gas Project as proposed by Santos , for a number of reasons.

The economic benefit to the Narrabri Shire, NSW and Australia with a more reliable, cheaper and accessible supply of gas to industry and community.

Santos have indicated that they will not drill on private property without the landholders agreement and they have ruled out fracking.

The project area is approx 2% of the Pilliga area.

Santos have proved to be very active in the community supporting local clubs, organisations, & councils and they will contribute over \$1.3 billion to NSW government over the life of the project.

The chief scientist and the CSIRO through GISERA have indicated that there will be little or no impact to ground water in the area. Although the water extracted is ½ as salty as sea water (unsuitable for crops and human/animal consumption) the amount to be extracted represents 0.2% of the ground water extracted in the area.

Santos have proved with their pilot program that gas can be extracted safely with little impact on the environment. They are using that gas to generate enough power to supply over 20.000 homes.

Santos has found a use for the salty water signing a MOU with a soda company to produce sodium bicarbonate, thus generating another local industry.

NSW needs a reliable cheap source of gas for electricity generation to back up the huge uptake of renewable electricity.

The Pilliga site is ideally situated for this project, if the opportunity is missed to extract gas here there are very few sites in NSW that are suitable.

The Pilliga is the perfect site, environmentally sound.

Australia's largest gas producer, with a good track record is ready to go when permitted.

Signed

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