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Re: Narrabri Gas Project

Date: 13 July 2020

I object to the proposed Narrabri Gas Project due to its significant negative impacts on farming, environmental, climate, and heritage.

I want my grandchildren to enjoy an Australia where we can grow our own food, where they can enjoy unspoilt forest, a safe climate, and Aboriginal heritage preserved.

I object for these reasons:

- 1) Food security: This mine threatens the underground aquifers of the Great Artesian Basin.
- 2) Preserving Forest: Clearing up to 1,000ha of forest in fragmented patches threatens the integrity of this important ecosystem.
- 3) The IPCC special report 1.5⁰C recommends no new fossil fuel extraction in order to keep global temperatures safe.
- 4) This project threatens the living heritage of Gamilaraay peoples. As the recent example of Rio Tinto destroying a 46,000-year-old Aboriginal heritage site in the Pilbara shows, good intentions are not enough.

I urge you to reject the Narrabri Gas Project entirely, because the many objections cannot be mitigated by conditions or scaling back.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I look forward to hearing from you in regards to this submission.

You can include my name and submission on your website.

Stephen Young
(By email)