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To Independent Planning Commission

My concerns are as follows

Santos' 850 wells will remove a huge volume of water . This will have a drastic effect on the Great Artesian Basin. I agree with the landholders who are strongly opposed to the project. Also the water from the Santos wells will be treated at their water treatment facility. Santos has no credible disposal plan for this water or the huge amount of salt it contains.

. The Pilliga is a very significant area for Aboriginal cultural sites including rock shelters, burials, historic camps and hearths.

Santos' assurances that it will do detailed surveys to protect Aboriginal sites after it gets approval would be laughable if it wasn't such a serious threat to Aboriginal heritage.

Total greenhouse gas emissions produced by this project could be 127.8 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent , or 5 million tonnes a year. In a time when Australia is struggling to meet its Paris Climate Agreement , this one gasfield would increase Australia's greenhouse emissions by nearly 1% per year. Also , Methane gas emissions from this gasfield could be emitted for many decades , even beyond the commercial life of the gasfield.

The Rural fire Service has repeatedly expressed concern about the operation of a gasfield in such a fire-prone area.

I have spent time in the Pilliga and have been surprised by the Biodiversity there. I find it undefendable that the largest temperate woodland in Eastern Australia could be converted into an industrial area with Santos' gas wells, gaslines, roads and other infrastructure and their destruction of several ecological communities. Threatened species, such as the iconic Koala won't stand a chance with the resultant disturbance and destruction of their habitat.

The claim that the gasfield is needed to increase gas supplies does not stand up given that there is a glut of exported gas and ships of Australian gas are sitting idle and unwanted.

Job creation will be mainly short term and there will be resultant job losses in other industries.

Surely it is time to accept that the natural world is not a peripheral "environmental " issue but central to everything on which we rely.

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