

TO the Independent Planning Commission Panel.

I am Denis Ward a cattle farmer, and I **OBJECT** to the proposed Santos NGP.

I will not go through the many reasons why the NGP should not go ahead as there are too many.

However I object to the fact that farm businesses are considered uninsurable against CSG contamination; this includes their land their water and their farm produce. As a cattle farmer who has to sign a National Vendor Declaration I find this unacceptable especially when Santos will not provide insurance coverage to ensure financial protection short and long term against these risks. More recently IAG one of Australia's largest Insurers flagged that public liability cover will not be available to farms that host CSG activities. Santos tell us they will take all care, abide by worlds best practice, but if anything goes wrong we will not be held responsible.

I also note that the government is planning to subsidise gas companies and underwrite gas prices obviously at our expense, so for the reasons I have mentioned it is logical that the IPC should not approve this controversial project when there is other already approved options such as importing gas that would be preferred.

Importing gas would also mean the other negative impacts associated with the NGP would disappear. Importing gas has the capacity bring down prices without being subsidised and can supply about 50% more gas to the market than the NGP.

Thank you.

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