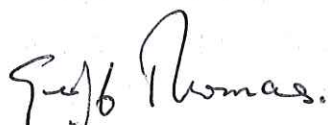


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SUBMISSION: NARRABRI GAS PROJECT

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This submission is directed towards water or the very real danger of losing it using the same information that has been used in the past (the lowering of the water table and the possibility of contamination plus the probability of the gas project lasting only 20 years). I'm not a geologist just an interested farmer. The water that the gas is dissolved in entered the coal seam from the surface somehow over a great length of time, possibly thousands of years, so for Santos to say that depressurising the coal seam and extracting the water will not affect the surface aquifers seems to me to be totally implausible. Our experience of the last few years of droughts show without this vital ground water resource there would be little or no ongoing production from livestock or people to run them. We did not run out of rainwater to drink but every other activity in the household and on the farm relied on bore water, bathing, household washing, stock water all bore water. The gamble with this vital resource is not worth it. Please reject the Narrabri Gas Project.

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