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Independent Planning Commission
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Re: Submission Opposing 850well Narrabri Gas Project

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to strenuously oppose the approval of the Santos 850well Narrabri Gas Project in the Pilliga Forest North West NSW.

This project is wrong on an environment basis on many counts and is categorically opposed by 99% of residents and concerned citizens who submitted their thoughts and concerns to the Environment Impact Statement last year. This included experts, local stakeholders and environmental campaigners.

There were a record 23,000 submissions to this project application 98.7% OPPOSED. Based on expert advice, the risks of coal seam gas in the Pilliga Forest are too great to allow this project to proceed.

Despite the Santos lengthy EIS it still fails to address:

- Where or how it will dispose of 430,500 tonnes of contaminated salty waste. This is one of the most destructive substances known to destroy soil quality and degrade the environment for farmers trying to grow crops. It destroys water supplies and wreaks havoc vital to farmers.

Santos has failed to provide baseline data to assess CSG's impact on groundwater dependent ecosystems and reliable groundwater modelling to assess and monitor the impact of surrounding water users.

all these things point to a company that is irresponsible and who can't be trusted to not destroy the water & arable soil in the Pilliga & surrounding areas.

This project cannot be justified on environmental grounds. We simply can't allow it to go ahead.

For the sake of food security & future generations please reject and refuse this dangerous proposal
Yours faithfully Jenny Watson