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To whom it may concern

I am Max Nalder, almost 74 years old. I have lived in the Narrabri area for 53 years as a Farmer and Grazier, and have been a Narrabri rate payer for the past 34 years.

I oppose the extraction of CSG in the Narrabri area, and elsewhere, because of the threat of irreversible damage to the underground water reserves. Based on the known harm, CSG extraction has had in other areas of Australia, CSG mining companies such as Santos haven't been able to give a solid guarantee that it won't adversely affect our underground water.

The other major world-wide issue is climate change. While gas emissions from CSG are a little less than from the burning of coal, there are also the fugitive emissions to take into account. **The world aim is to have zero carbon emissions by 2050. Climate scientists are saying this MUST be our target, if we are not to create irreversible climate change.** To establish another carbon emitting industry now, would be very hard for a future government to phase out, or close down, because of the many small people's livelihoods that would be adversely affected.

Yours sincerely,

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