

To The Independent Planning Commission
Ref: Proposed Narrabri Gas Project.

To the Commissioners
I object strongly to the proposed Narrabri Gas Project.

For the NSW government to recommend the approval of the Santos Narrabri Gas Project, the most unpopular project in the history of the state claiming it will have limited social, environmental impacts and put downward pressure on prices is a joke and a slap in the face of the majority of people who do not want it. This includes those who live locally and those who live beyond the boundary of the project area .

Of all the options the government has to increase the supply and put downward pressure on prices the NGP is easily the least preferred.

It has numerous negative impacts which other submissions will, I am sure comment on, while the options such as importing gas would have none. You would not need any of the strict conditions the Department of planning claims will make it approvable and there for you would not need a regulator to check that Santos complies.

The easiest way to reduce the social impacts would be to **not approve** the project as by far the majority of people are going to be relieved.

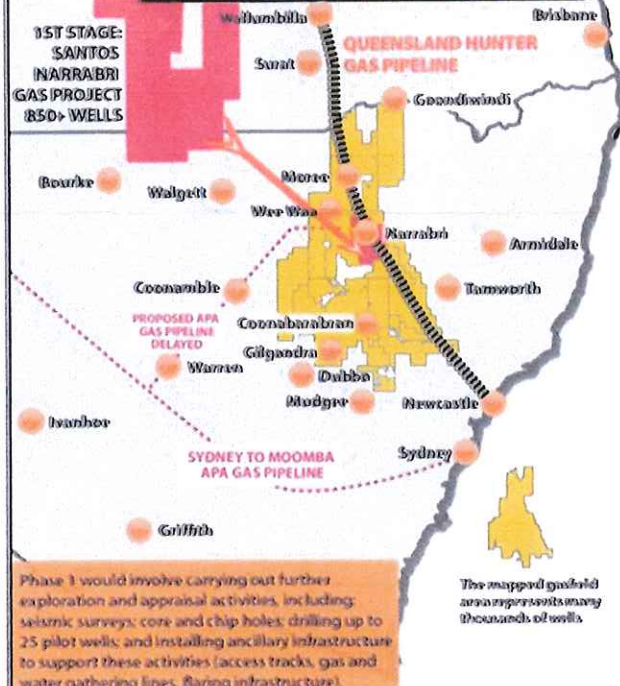
I have attached a list of the negative impacts.

Yours Sincerely
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GASFIELD RISKS



Phase 1 would involve carrying out further exploration and appraisal activities, including seismic surveys; core and chip holes; drilling up to 25 pilot wells; and installing ancillary infrastructure to support these activities (access tracks, gas and water gathering lines, flaring infrastructure).

Santos' Narrabri Gas Project is too risky:

- Groundwater impacts including loss of bore water and surface water contamination
- Cumulative impacts from heavy industry in the region including existing coal mines
- Fugitive emissions
- Cultural heritage
- Established agricultural and tourism industry
- Public health and safety risks, including air emissions and exposure to toxic chemicals
- Bushfire risk
- Light pollution
- Biodiversity loss
- Social impacts
- Waste management
- Aquifer connectivity
- Inability of government to properly regulate the industry
- Chief Scientist Recommendations not implemented
- Intergenerational inequity
- Spread to surrounding agricultural land
- Spread of invasive weeds