

Office of the Independent
Planning Commission
Of N.S.W.

20th July, 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to make a submission on the proposed Narrabri Gas Project.

My name is Roslyn McGovern, I am a retired school teacher living in Tamworth and I strongly object to the proposed Santos Coal Seam Gas Project in Narrabri. I have serious concerns with this project, the main one being its effects on the Great Artisan Basin.

As Australia is the driest continent in the world apart from Antarctica, The Great Artisan Basin is a unique treasure which sustains communities and livelihoods throughout country Australia and must be protected.

Over the past years I have attended some information forums run by the Wilderness Society held at the Pilliga Forest and was devastated to hear that if the project goes ahead, 850 gas wells will be drilled through the Pilliga Sandstone Aquifer, which is part of the Great Artisan Basin, to reach the coal seams below using 1.5gigalitres of water per year with the possibility of endangering the Great Artisan Basin.

Another serious concern I have is the amount of salt which will be produced by the project during the drilling process and will need to be disposed of safely.

I feel that instead of pursuing this risky project, our energies should be put into furthering Renewable Energy Industries, like solar with battery backup, and thereby safeguarding our unique, precious resources.

When I think of 850 gas wells with a flame of methane dispersing into the air in the Pilliga Forest I am angry that there isn't a safer, more environmentally friendly solution to supplying Australia's energy needs especially when some of the Gas produced in Australia is being exported overseas.

Thank you for the opportunity to write my concerns about this project.

I Yours Sincerely,

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