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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Environmentally Concerned Citizens of orange We are a not for profit environmental organisation. One of our main objectives is that of environmental advocacy. It is as advocates for the environment that we wish to express our opposition to the proposal that coal seam gas mining should be permitted in the Pillaga State Forest.

At this stage of the determination process, many submissions will have been lodged outlining the threats to the environment from such a project. No doubt it has also been argued by those in support that coal seam gas mining can provide a bonanza of employment and a much needed boost to the local economy, which would be especially welcome as part of the region's post COVID recovery.

If you support this project the IPC panel will have declared itself a supporter of a fossil fuel led post COVID-19 recovery plan. This is also the current policy of the Federal Government, which continues to support the development of fossil fuels such as coal and gas as an employment panacea.

If you reject this proposal you will be sending a message that the environment is important and that our groundwater and local threatened species as the koala deserve to be protected. You would also reinforce what is already considered vital by the general public, that is the need to reduce our carbon emissions in order to meet our obligations under the Paris Agreement. This will not be possible if we continue to support fossil fuels such as coal seam gas.

You will no doubt be aware of the choices you have to make. You must also be aware that your decisions will have consequences, not just for the immediate locality but globally. not just for the twenty years of the project's planned operation but for generations. You should also be aware that you will be held accountable for your decisions. Please decide on behalf of the water, atmosphere, forests and biodiversity that we share in trust for future generations.

Yours sincerely

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