

The Independent Planning Commission of NSW

Re proposed gas mining in the Pilliga.

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Repeated Barrier Reef bleaching episodes, and the devastating bushfires last summer should have convinced even those with their heads planted deepest in the sand that climate change is happening, and will increasingly cause destruction of our beautiful planet.

Our children and grandchildren will be judging our society by our actions to prevent this from happening, so now is the time for Australian governments to place themselves on the right side of history, or forever portray themselves as being hostage to short term thinking and parochial priorities.

It is glaringly obvious that we need do not need more coal mines, or gas mines, or oil wells.

The NSW government has some excellent renewable energy targets and strategies in place, so I urge it to cancel plans for the Pilliga gas mining, and to expand its' visionary ideas.

This decision presents an opportunity for an Australian government to demonstrate that it will respect the will of the people, and stand up to big oil/gas/coal.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PETER DOWNES". The letters are slightly blurred and have a soft, glowing effect around them, suggesting a scan of a physical document.

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