

26/7/20
14 Wrigley St.
Gilgandra 2827

To the Independent Planning Commission.
Submission regarding Narrabri Gas Project, Code 550 6456

Dear Sir/Madam,

Recently I have been made aware that our NSW Member for Barwon, Roy Butler sponsored a bill in NSW Parliament to stop coal seam gas mining until all 16 of NSW chief scientists recommendations made in 2014, were implemented. So far only two of the recommendations have been fully implemented.

It is of great concern that this bill was voted down by Liberal and National Party members. The security of our underground water which is relied on by both rural communities and farmers needs to be first and foremost in the decision making process.

This region has been in one of the worst droughts ever seen and lack of water became (and still is in places) a desperate problem.

There is still too much unknown and not guaranteed to allow coal seam gas mining to go ahead.

A major survey conducted in 2016 showed that ninety eight percent of the residents in Gilgandra Shire were opposed to coal seam gas mining in our area.

I certainly hope you will consider these concerns and put a stop to this coal seam gas project.

Yours faithfully,

David Stocking