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The Chairman,
Independent Planning Commission of NSW,
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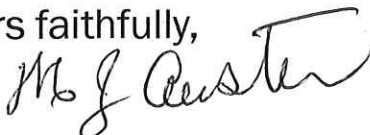
Dear Mr O'Connor,

I wish to express my deep concern about the proposed gas field development in the Pilliga Forest.

The biggest concern for me, as a woman from the land, is the issue of water. The safety of the precious water supplies of the great Artesian Basin connected to this area can not be guaranteed. The company does not know of the impacts of drilling. The scientists do not even know. The large amounts of water involved are too precious to waste. To endanger this great natural resource in our dry country, without knowing the long term effects, is very unwise for our future. The farmers who have worked the land in the North West for generations depend on it and we depend on them.

I urge you to reject the proposal for the Santos gas drilling.

Yours faithfully,



Monica Austin

27th July 2020