

To the Independent Planning Commission.

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Subject: **Objection** to the proposed Santos Narrabri Gas Project. 3/8/2020

We are dryland grain farmers just north of Narrabri on the highly productive black soils between Edgeroi and Bellata. We have farmed here successfully for forty years.

We have just been through what is arguably the worst drought, and like many farmers in the north west of NSW have not seen a harvest since 2017. We know what the cause is and science tells us that on average these events are going to become more severe and more frequent.

This has had a negative impact on our farming business the local economy and wider economy for that matter.

We know that the Santos NGP if approved will be another global warming project.

We know there is no local shortage of gas, as Australia is the largest exporter of gas on the planet.

We know **if** there was a shortage of gas there are preferred options such as;

1. Activating the gas reservation policy; the Australian Domestic Gas Security Mechanism.
2. Importing gas through the approved Port Kemble import terminal.

Either of these options would be preferred to the approval of the Santos NGP which is another global warming project we do not need.

These options also remove all the many negative impacts associated with the NGP, and you would not need a regulator to implement numerous conditions proposed if approval to go ahead with the project was given.

These two options are also able to put downward pressure on gas prices, something the NGP cannot do unless subsidised by the tax payer, as suggested by the (NCCC), Covid taskforce set up by the Morrison government.

If the Commissioners have listened to the overwhelming number of submissions opposing this controversial project then on balance the NGP should not be approved.

Yours Sincerely

Pamela Dowe.