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DEAR COMMISSIONERS

I WRITE THIS LETTER TO SHOW MY ABSOLUTE AND TOTAL OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED NARRABRI C.S.G. DEVELOPMENT BY SANTOS IN THE PILLIGA. ITS EFFECTS ON AGRICULTURE.

WE RUN A 450 HEAD BECE REPLACING BEEF CATTLE OPERATION AND DRAW BORE WATER THAT IS SUPPLIED FROM A RECHARGE ZONE IN THE PROPOSED NARRABRI C.S.G. AREA.

ANY LIVESTOCK THAT LEAVE OUR PROPERTY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A VENDOR DECLARATION FORM SHOWING OUR ANIMALS ARE FREE OF ANY CHEMICAL RESIDUES TO PROTECT OUR DOMESTIC AND EXPORT MARKETS AS WE ARE CONSIDERED "CLEAN AND GREEN".

THE FEEDLOT WHO NORMALLY PURCHASES OUR FEEDER CATTLE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO US THAT THEY WOULD NOT RUN THE RISK OF SOURCING LIVESTOCK FROM AREAS ASSOCIATED WITH RECHARGE RUN-OFF THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CONTAMINATE AQUIFERS THAT SUPPLY OUR ONLY SOURCE OF WATER FROM BORES.

THESE BORES HAVE HAD THEIR BORE HEAD PRESSURES RESTORED DUE TO THE LAP/PEP THE BORES SCHEME CONTRIBUTED TO BY LANDOWNERS. THESE BORES NOW SUPPLY CLEAR, CLEAN WATER TO LIVESTOCK AND FOR DOMESTIC USE UNDER ITS OWN BORE HEAD PRESSURE.

AS IN QUEENSLAND THESE BORE-HEAD PRESSURES ARE BEING AFFECTED AND IN SOME CASES BORES HAVE LOST THEIR FLOW'S COMPLETELY LEAVING LANDOWNERS WITH DAMS BEING THEIR ONLY SOURCE OF WATER.

IN RELATION TO THE ABOVE GROUND SPILLS THAT HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED IN THE NARRABRI C.S.G. DEVELOPMENT THE ATTEMPTS TO CLEAN UP HAVE BEEN FUTILE. THE AREA OF CONTAMINATION WITH RAINFALL AND LEACHING CONTINUES TO SPREAD. IMAGINE ANY ANIMALS EATING THIS GRASS INVOLVED IN THE FOOD CHAIN. THE DEAD AND WILDLIFE FROM THESE AREAS SHOULD BE PROOF ENOUGH AS TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS CONTAMINATION.

INSURANCE COMPANIES HAVE STATED THEY WILL NOT PROVIDE US WITH PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE BECAUSE OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH C.S.G. INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH INCLUDES PIPELINES. WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EMPLOY ANYONE OR CONTRACTORS ON OUR PROPERTY. HOW MANY JOBS WILL BE LOST IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR BECAUSE OF THIS?

By now you have heard all the political-lie spell from the Santos' heads. There are no yes/no answers. They use words like low risk, poses no significant risk, possibly. So does that mean that if 574 loose bore-head presences and flows, that is considered no significant risk.

I expect by now you know the chemicals that are used in the process of extraction. You have not been given CO_2 information from the 40 wells sunk before 2014, only from two put down after 2014. So much for Santos' transparency. They have not supplied that information to you. Surely that raises some questions on its own.

In closing I would like to ask you the following. If I presented you and your family members each with a glass of water from the Narrabri CSG area and that there was a low risk that it may possibly be contaminated, would you allow your family to swallow that water. I think not. Yet you expect us to swallow not only that water but the Santos' bullshit as well, if this project is allowed to proceed.

REGARDS
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THE PRESERVATION OF THE G.A.B.

P.S. THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT OF N.S.W. WHO ARE TASKED WITH THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE G.A.B. SHOULD HAVE HAD THE COURAGE TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION INSTEAD OF PASSING IT ON TO AN INDEPENDANT AUTHORITY. PLEASE AS IN THE MESS CREATED IN THE MURRAY/DARLING OPEN PLAN AND OIL-EXTRACTION DO NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE WITH THE G.A.B. WHEN IT COMES TO WATER MANAGEMENT THE N.S.W. GOVERNMENT HAS A POOR TRACK RECORD.