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Yaama,

Please find the following submission for Mr Walter Tighe. He does not have email.

Thank you  
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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Walter Tighe. I am a proud Gomeroid man. I have lived beside the Castlereagh River all but 8 years of my life.

I am 54 years old. The river has always been close to my heart. As a kid I would play on the sand and catch yabbies and fish.

I would watch the river in flood and be amazed at how fast and powerful it is. I would admire how clean and clear it would become when it settled. You could see to the bottom of the deep holes.

I would listen to all the animals that would inhabit the river, the ducks, birds, frogs, crickets, dragonflies and bees. And I watch all the animals come down to the river to drink.

All this says to me, the river is in pristine condition. Clean, clear and even in the worst droughts the Castlereagh River has never run dry. It may have been low but never empty.

I am a part of the Coonabarabran Fishing Club and regularly re stock the river with yellow belly. We regularly do a clean up from weir to weir to help the river stay clean and tidy.

I have the utmost respect for 'the Ray' (Castlereagh). Our nickname for the river, and I could not bear to see it damaged in any way.

I've lived along the 'Ray' all my life and take my grandchildren down there and show them where I used to swim, fish jump off the cliffs and spear grinding grooves from our people at the Willow Vale.

The river was a stop over spot for the people on Burra Bee Dee Mission.

I definitely have concerns for the river and underground aquifers if gas or mine goes ahead.

**THAT'S A NO TO MINING AND GAS ANYWHERE NEAR OUR CASTLEREAGH.**

Walter Tighe  
Gomeroid man