

The Independent Planning Commission
Narrabri Gas Project

I am opposed to the Narrabri Gas Project.

My family and I operate a very productive and environmentally sustainable farming business in close proximity to the Narrabri Gas Project.

*Over the past 10 years we have experienced a reduction in the quantity and quality of water in our bores. They will be further affected if the Narrabri Gas Project proceeds as per Santos EIS admitting further drawdown of the aquifers in the Gunnedah Oxley basin. Water is our most important resource and we cannot risk it.

*I am a member of our local Rural Fire Service and former Deputy Captain of the Wynella Brigade. Fires in the Pilliga State Forest are frequent and extremely dangerous. I would have grave concerns for the safety of Santos' workers in the Pilliga, for neighbouring farms, for firefighters and local communities from the increased risk of fires from the extra vehicles, machinery and infrastructure and gas flaring that would be associated with the NGP.

*Where will the tonnes and tonnes of toxic salt be disposed of?

*Santos claims to have the support of the local community. This is not true. Surveys have been made of the local rural communities and the overwhelming majority are opposed to living in or near a gas field. Santos advertise that they are socially responsible and work with landholders. I am an immediate landholder and neighbour of the NGP and I have never been contacted by Santos.

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