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This is a submission to the Narrabri Gas I.P.C.

I wish to voice my OBJECTION to the Santos Narrabri Gas project in the Pilliga.

Water.

There is no guarantee on water. I believe this project will put the underground water from Narrabri to other towns north west including Pilliga, Coonamble, and Walgett in jeopardy, as well as the agricultural industry which is the economic backbone of the Narrabri Shire. We need food before gas.

Gas.

Gas is not a transitional fuel, the time for gas has passed renewables are here now.

Salt.

Another major pollutant is the salt from the reverse osmosis plant, to my knowledge there is no Council in the North West that is remotely interested in taking it. The salt will have to be kept in storage forever, who is going to be responsible?

Gas Cartel.

The Australian gas industry in Eastern Australia is run by a cartel of three, with gas price fixing by these companies rorting the system, little or no Royalties will be paid ever and no income tax has been paid by either Santos or its partner Australian Energy in at least the last 5 years.

Destruction.

The destruction caused by this industry is unbelievable not only to soil. Water, air, and noise pollution, native flora and fauna but to peoples lives and agriculture.

First Nations people.

The first Nations people do not want this project it will be an insult to them to lose more land with which they still have connections. Over 98% of farmers surveyed do not want this project.

Community benefit fund and royalties.

1. The original community benefit fund was \$300 million, this was later reduced to \$170 million, now the fund sits at \$120 million, so how much will the community actually get.
2. How much Royalties will this project pay seeing we have two of the biggest tax avoiders in Australia. Santos and Energy Australia. With tax deductions and creative accounting Santos pays almost no tax and Energy Australia with a turn over of about \$8 Billion pay no tax. If no tax or royalties are paid there will be no Community Benefit Fund.

Social Licence and Trust.

Santos has spent about \$5 million trying to buy social licence in all sporting clubs they have succeeded but in the rest of the community and farmers they have lost RESPECT and TRUST. Buying social licence is different to gaining social licence.

In the bush respect and trust is in the fabric of society, they go hand in hand.

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