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Subject: Narrabri Gas Project
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Dear Independent Planning Commission,

Re the Narrabri Gas Project

I, Dr Lindsey Fairfield Smith, object strongly to the Narrabri Gas Project on economic and environmental grounds.

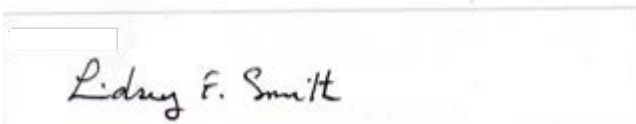
Economically, it makes no sense. The market for gas is falling. Householders like myself are investing heavily in solar water heating and power. Big companies like BHP are investing massively in solar to power their operations.

Decades ago, Australia had the leading solar energy researchers in the world but they left for California because there was NO support for them here. Now California has large solar energy production while Australia is still subsidising non-renewable coal and gas. If the government put even some of that subsidy into solar research, the panels on my roof would be made in Australia not in Germany or China. The Australian economy would be benefiting from a lucrative solar energy market and renewables would have outstripped fossil-fuels decades ago.

Environmentally, more coal seam gas is an invitation to disaster. The record of coal seam gas across the world is one disaster after another with the water out of the tap becoming flammable. It happened in Sutherland Shire. “Minimal” and “manageable” risk is not enough. There is NO excuse for putting the Great Artesian Basin in ANY risk.

I hope for the economic and environmental future of Australia that you deny permission to this project.

Yours sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsey F. Smith".

Dr. Lindsey F Smith