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To Whom it May Concern

You do not need to be a scientist or mathematician or economist to understand that once the crucial essential resource that if the Great Artesian Basin is compromised in any way, by poison, pollution or pressure changes*, the entire economic, cultural, environmental and social future for the huge area of land and the people and animals who rely solely on the GAB for its water supply would be ended forever. The flow on to the enormous negative impact upon the whole country would be inevitable.

The potential for such breaches to happen in the Santos' Narrabri Gas Project are high, given the long history of non-compliance already shown. For just one example in 2014 the NSW Chief Scientist stated CSG can be managed safely under strict conditions. But only 2 of her 16 recommendations have been implemented**. Meeting only 12.5% of the government's own key requirements to protect communities is totally unacceptable. How can future compliance be trusted, based on this record?

We are vehemently opposed to the Santos' Narrabri Gas Project.

Yours sincerely,



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* <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-03-13/farmer-report-says-coal-seam-gas-company-provided-incorrect-data/12045292>

** <https://fossilfool.com.au/environment-minister-agrees-no-csg-without-nsw-chief-scientists-recommendations/>